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Farmers, outfits call for Bengaluru bandh on September 26

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah says protests are common in a democracy and the government will not try to scuttle them.

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A coalition of farmers and Kannada organisations have called for Bengaluru bandh on September 26 over the ongoing Cauvery river water dispute with neighbouring Tamil Nadu.

The bandh call comes as Karnataka is releasing water to Tamil Nadu as per directions of the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA), after the Supreme Court refused to intervene on an appeal by the State.

Farmers' leader Kurubur Shanthakumar, who announced the bandh call on Saturday, said the State government should stop releasing water and protect the interests of drought-hit farmers in Karnataka.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said protests were common in a democracy and the government would not try to scuttle them.

Opposition parties have expressed support for the bandh. Both BJP and JD(S) held protests on Saturday and blamed the government for their alleged failure to protect the interests of Karnataka farmers.

Farmers in the Cauvery basin are on a warpath and have been pressurising the State government not to release water to Tamil Nadu. While their protest has received widespread support, the government has said it will abide by the CWRC order on water release till September 26, which has further angered the farmers.

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Mobile Internet back in Manipur

Biren govt. cites dip in violence and withdraws 140-day ban; officials keep close watch as videos of violence flood social media

The Hindu Bureau
IMPHAL/ NEW DELHI

Over 140 days after mobile Internet was suspended in ethnic violence-hit Manipur, the service was restored on Saturday.

An order by the State government said the number of violent incidents had gone down from the initial days, and "law and order has improved in the State".

The restoration of the services was announced by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh in Imphal.

Broadband Internet services were restored with several conditions on July 25. Mobile data services were allowed on numbers approved by the government all this while.

The BJP-ruled State witnessed the longest-ever Internet shutdown this year after Jammu and Kashmir, which saw communication blockade for 552 days, after the removal of its special status under Article 370 of the Constitution.

In the past, after public interest litigation petitions were filed, the High Court of Manipur had directed the State government to restore the services partially.

A government official said Saturday's order was in line with the gradual easing of curbs on the Internet as it was also affecting the economy.

Over 60,000 people were internally displaced after ethnic violence broke out in May. ANI

After the ban was lifted, several videos of violence pertaining to the first few days of strife flooded social media platforms. The official said they were keeping a watch on the activities on the Internet and such videos were not "unexpected".

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U.S. says it 'wants to see accountability' in Nijjar death case

Sriram Lakshman
NEW YORK

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the U.S. was "deeply concerned" about allegations that India had a role in the death of Khalistani separatist leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar in British Columbia and that it wanted to see accountability for the incident.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had told the country's parliament on Monday that there were reasons to believe agents of the Government of India were involved in killing Nijjar in June. India has denied the allegations.

"It would be important that India work with the Canadians on this investigation," Mr. Blinken told reporters in New York on Friday. "We want to see accountability and it's important that the investigation run its course and lead to that result."

World leaders and diplomats have gathered in the city for the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

Antony Blinken

The U.S. was not just consulting with the Canadians, but cooperating with them in the investigation, according to the Secretary. "I think the most productive thing that can happen now is to see this investigation move forward, be completed," he said, adding that he hoped that "our Indian friends" would cooperate.

Questioned on the nature of U.S. engagement with India on the matter, Mr. Blinken did not want to get into specifics, saying instead that the U.S. government had been directly engaging the Indian government on the issue.

Mr. Blinken made the larger point that the U.S. was very vigilant about alleged instances of "transnational repression" and called on countries not to engage in it.

"We are extremely vigilant about any instances of alleged transnational repression," he said, adding that the U.S. took it "very, very seriously".

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Classes 9 and 11 to have board exams

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Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) will conduct board exams for classes 9 and 11 from the 2023-24 academic year. Around 15 lakh students from these two classes will be taking the exam this year. » Page 3

Cash-for-ticket: More cases against accused

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Multiple cheating cases have been registered against the accused in the multi-crore cash-for-BJP ticket case in the State. A senior official said that two more people, who had been allegedly duped by the gang, had come forward with their complaints. » Page 6

Two JD(S) Muslim leaders resign after BJP alliance

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Getting started: A tribesman makes a basket with dried twigs in preparation for the Teej festival.

Keeping them fresh: Young women take pitchers of fresh water from borewells to water the seedlings.

High hopes: Young women water seedling baskets praying for a good harvest and bright future.

Celebrating the rains

A nine-month monsoon festival celebrated by the Lambadas of Telangana, Teej seeks a bountiful harvest and prosperous life

Nagara Gopal
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The story of the nomadic community of Telangana, widely known as Banjaras and in some districts of the State, as Lambadas, is no different from other tribal communities of the country.

Amid displaced homes and constant moving, their life is an eternal search for small joys, which they find in festivities.

The Lambadas of Telangana share roots, lifestyle and culture with the people of Rajasthan. One of their socio-cultural showcases is celebrating the nine-day monsoon festival, Teej. Celebrated in the auspicious month of *Sravanam* of the Indian calendar, young girls and women of the community pray for a bountiful harvest and prosperity in their lives. Religious rituals aside, the Lambada *tanda* (habitation) comes alive with many activities as part of the festival. Song and dance are integral to the celebrations, and resplendent Banjara attire add to the festive atmosphere. The habitations reverberate with traditional Banjara songs and dance throughout the nine days, with relatives arriving from far-off places for participation.

They worship gods and goddesses by carrying wheat seedlings in twig baskets and immersing them in the local streams as a finale to the festivities akin to the Bathukamma, honoured by the rest of the women of Telangana. Hence, this ritual is termed Banjara's Bathukamma.

The "twig arrangement" is taken up by unmarried girls on an elevated platform outside the residence of their Naik or community elder after seeking his permission. They water the seedlings three times a day for nine days, drawing water from local streams or wells. It is believed that the healthy growth of the seedlings brings good harvest and is considered auspicious. The women pray to Sevalal Maharaj, a saint, and Mera Mayadi (another name for Goddess Parvathi), seeking good alliances in marriage.

Before the immersion of Teej (baskets with wheat seedlings) on the ninth day, the women seek the blessings of community elders. After offering meat and kheer to Goddess Parvathi, the baskets are immersed in rivers or streams. Another offering is prepared with rice and jaggery and distributed after prayers. A grand banquet is organised for the community to mark the end of the festivities.

Festive spirit: Young women sing and dance around a raised platform on which their seedling baskets are kept.

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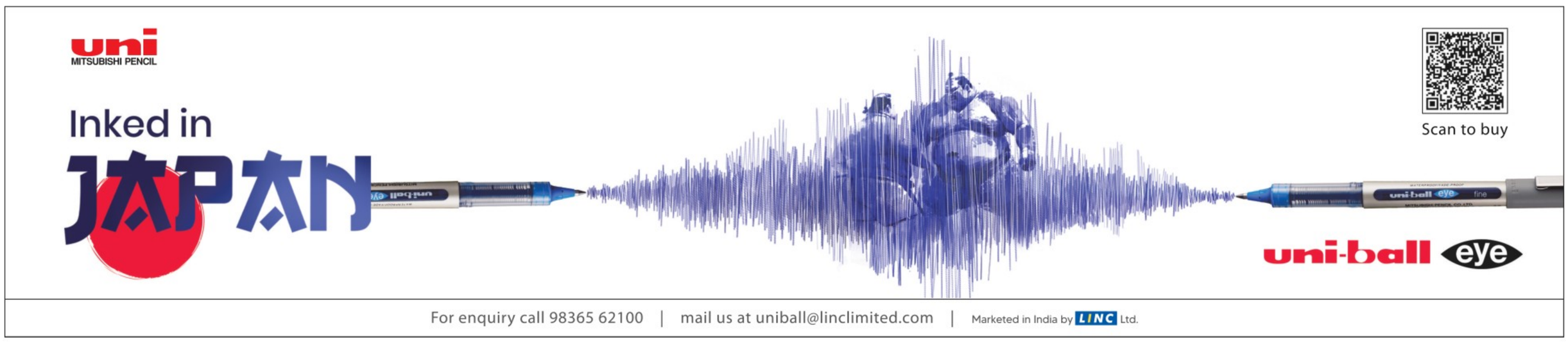
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Bandh call likely to bring city to a halt

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The KSRTC Staff and Workers Federation, which includes BMTC employees, has supported the bandh call. FILE PHOTO

The Bengaluru bandh call given by a coalition of farmers and Kannada organisations under the aegis of Karnataka Jala Samrakshana Samiti will in likelihood bring the city to a halt on Tuesday.

With opposition parties announcing support, and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah saying the government would not try to scuttle any protests in a democracy, indications are that the bandh will likely be total.

Within hours of the bandh call being given, several organisations, including public and private transport unions, private school managements, film industry and hotels and restaurants associations, announced their support.

Transport services
The KSRTC Staff and Workers Federation, which includes Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation employees, also has supported the bandh call and has urged BMTC crew to abstain from operating bus services from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. at all depots.

However, BMTC officials maintained that services will not be affected.

Meanwhile, people who rely on cabs may face disruptions, as the taxi unions have chosen to endorse the bandh call.

"We consistently stand in solidarity with issues concerning our water, language, and culture. Consequently, we have chosen to participate in the bandh on Tuesday.

All cab drivers will refrain from working on that day," said Tanveer Pasha, the president of Ola, Uber Drivers and Owners' Association in Bengaluru.

The Auto Rickshaw Drivers' Union of Bengaluru is currently undecided. General Secretary T.M. Rudramurthy said, "We will consult with our members before reaching a conclusion."

Schools offer support
The private school managements have extended their "moral support" for the bandh but haven't declared a holiday for schools.

"All our teaching and non-teaching staff will participate in the protest with a black band on their arms. However, as there are exams scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, we are not taking a decision to declare Tuesday a holiday.

Each school can decide on a holiday depending on the situation," Shashikumar. D., General Secretary of 'Associated Managements of Schools in Karnataka (KAMS) said.

Eateries, film industry
The Kannada film industry has also announced support for bandh call. P.C. Rao,vice president, Bruhat Bangalore Hotels Association, said they had extended moral support, but said eateries are considered an essential service and so will work. Meanwhile, farmers leader Kuruburu Shanthakumar, who announced the bandh call on Saturday, appealed to private sector companies and IT BT firms to extend their support and shut down for a day.

Security tightened
The police have stepped up security in and around the city. In his directions to all the divisional heads, B. Dayananda directed to step up patrolling in the sensitive areas, especially where there is a higher Tamil-speaking population, and to heighten security measures on state highways, national highways and major roads, especially those connecting the neighbouring Tamil Nadu.

Classes 9 and 11 to have board exams from this academic year

Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board will set uniform question papers

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

Currently, annual examinations are conducted for classes 10 and 12 and assessment examinations for classes 5 and 8. FILE PHOTO

Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) will conduct board exams for classes 9 and 11 from the 2023-24 academic year. Around 15 lakh students from these two classes will be taking the exam this year in the State.

The board currently conducts annual examinations for classes 10 and 12 and assessment examinations for classes 5 and 8. Learning can be strengthened and learning levels better monitored if the board holds Summative Assessment (SA)-2 for class 9 students and annual examinations for class 11 students as well, believes the Department of School Education and Literacy. Now the board will conduct the SA-2 examination at the school level for class 9 and the annual examination at college level for class 11.

Centrally set papers
The board will prepare the question papers at the state level, and question papers for class 9 will be sent to a secure online account of the Block Education Officer concerned. For class 11, question papers will be sent to the login of the Deputy Director of Pre-University concerned. They will download the question papers on examination day, print the papers according to the number of students and send them to the schools, maintaining confidentiality.

The evaluation of class 9 will be conducted at the taluk level, and class 11 in the respective colleges. The results will be uploaded on the Students Achievement Tracking System (SATS) portal by the Head Masters and Principals.

However, there is no detention of any student of class 9, while supplementary examinations are conducted for students who fail in class 11.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Gopalakrishna. H.N., Director (Exams) KSEAB, said, "Earlier, there was no uniformity in the question paper. It was not known whether the teachers had completed the syllabus. It affected the learning process. Therefore, the government has asked us to conduct the exams for classes 9 and 1. In a few days model question papers will be released and also published on the board website. The board will also announce the schedule of examination soon."

He said it was part of the government's effort to improve the quality of education.

"The board will verify the data of results uploaded on SATS by the Head Masters and Principals. Then it will also check which schools, taluks and districts are lagging behind, and a report will be submitted to the government on how standards can be improved," he said.

MP seeks train to Rameswaram

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Pratap Simha, Mysuru MP, has sought a train between Mysuru and Rameswaram using Mysore-Varanasi Express idle rake.

In a letter to the Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, he said the train connectivity, if introduced, would not only facilitate enhanced travel options but also boost tourism and pilgrimage activities.

World Coffee Conference in city for 1st time

The global coffee event will significantly boost India's image in the international coffee market, domestic market and bring in growth in export volumes and values, says Coffee Board CEO

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

The preparation for 5th World Coffee Conference 2023, under way at Palace Ground in Bengaluru on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Bengaluru is all set to host the 5th World Coffee Conference (WCC), a property of the London-based International Coffee Organisation (ICO), set up under the auspices of the United Nations to highlight the economic importance of coffee grown around the globe.

It is for the first time that India and Asia are hosting this prestigious global coffee event and Coffee Board is currently in the last leg of preparation to host the four-day coffee exposition that is commencing in the City on September 25.

Vibrant eco-system
K.G. Jagadeesha, Coffee Board CEO and Secretary, told *The Hindu* that India receiving the ICO nod to host this mega coffee event itself was the biggest recognition the country received as a major producer of finest coffees with a supportive and vibrant ecosystem. "To make it unique, vibrant and memorable, the board has the active support of 16 coffee committees with each outfit coming with 25 different stakeholders," he said.

However, he observed, though the country produced the best quality coffees, Indian coffee is yet to be perceived well and this edition of WCC was going to correct this mismatch.

"Our robusta is the best in the world. Our arabica, although considered as second best, fetches a premium on par with Columbian arabia which is rated the finest. What eventually matters is the perception. Columbia has done huge consumer campaigns," he further said.

Our coffee exports are currently over $1 billion. As an immediate incremental effect of the WCC, the Coffee Board is expecting an increase in exports and value growth of 10 to 15% for our coffees in the international markets, he anticipated.

Expected to be big draw
Some 2,400 people, including coffee growers, roasters, curers, exporters, traders, cafe chain owners, retailers, have already registered to attend WCC.

This will comprise over 300 foreign delegates from 60 countries. Some 40 global CEOs and 50 Indian CEOs are participating in the coffee conference.

In addition to this, Coffee Board has distributed 36,000 business delegates while another 15,000 similar passes will also be distributed/sold.

The government has permitted Coffee Board to use ₹12.5 crore plus GST from its internal budget to host WCC, while half of the money will be spent by the industry players.

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Pedestrian negligence, reckless driving leading to accidents on ORR

Traffic police identify 26 'accident black spots', along this route, where the highest number of accidents have been recorded

ACCIDENT BLACK SPOTS

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

Bengaluru's Outer Ring Road (ORR), a prominent thoroughfare notorious for traffic congestion in the city, serves as the vital link connecting over 500 IT companies. Recent findings by the traffic police have pinpointed no fewer than 26 locations along this route, referred to as "accident black spots", where the highest number of accidents have been recorded.

The Hindu visited these black spots along the ORR to gather insights from people on the ground, including input from the traffic police, and find out the underlying causes of these accidents.

38 accidents

The traffic police identified a critical junction in close proximity to the Prestige Tech Park, JP Morgan, along the Marathahalli - Sarjapur, ORR in Kadubeesanahalli. This location has emerged as a significant accident-prone area, registering a total of 38 accidents, both fatal and non-fatal, in the past three years.

An officer stationed at this junction explained that the large number of tech park employees during peak hours contributes to heavy traffic. Conversely, at night, when traffic is lighter, some tend to drive recklessly, resulting in accidents. Tragically, many of these involve pedestrians.

At another identified accident-prone area near Bagmane Tech Park along the ORR under the jurisdiction of Mahadevapura traffic police, a similar pattern is seen. This location has been labelled an accident black spot by the police due to the recurring accidents that often go unreported.

According to a traffic police officer responsible for managing traffic in this area, many of these accidents are relatively minor, involving disputes between vehicle owners after a small accident and thus, they often go unrecorded.

Skywalks ignored

The officer said, "Pedestrians also contribute to the accident rate on this stretch. Despite the presence of skywalks, a significant number of pedestrians opt not to use them, choosing instead to cross the road directly, resulting in accidents."

Another problematic area along this route is near the K.R. Puram hanging bridge. This junction has also witnessed a significant number of accidents, with a total of 14 major incidents reported in the past three years.

"Many people tend to cross the road in a disorganized manner, and even though there is a traffic signal, several two-wheeler riders disregard traffic rules, leading to accidents. Over the past five years, while commuting to my office in Bellandur via this route, I have personally witnessed more than ten accidents, ranging from minor to major collisions," Narayan Prasad, a regular commuter said.

Meanwhile, along the entire stretch of the ORR, where metro construction is underway, traffic congestion remains a significant issue. At numerous traffic signals, pedestrians were crossing the road even when the pedestrian signal displayed a red light, indicating that it was not safe to do so.

Reckless driving

Moreover, the increased congestion caused by the ongoing metro construction has led to reckless driving behaviour, particularly among autorickshaws. Many two-wheeler riders were seen dangerously overtaking cars and other vehicles from the left side, exacerbating the already challenging traffic conditions.

Meanwhile, the traffic police have suggested various measures, including the installation of accident zone signboards, construction of skywalks, placement of cat eyes and blinkers, CCTV cameras, rumbler strips, road markings, road humps, street lights, raised centre medians, and speed limit signage boards.

(The series concludes)

OUTER RING ROAD

BLACK SPOTS ON THE STRETCH

Near Prestige Tech Park, JP Morgan along the Marathahalli - Sarjapur Road, ORR in Kadubeesanahalli, near K.R. Puram hanging bridge, near Bagmane Tech Park under the jurisdiction of Mahadevapura traffic police, Varthur lake road, near Bescom office, K.R. Puram, near Karthik Nagar Kalamandir, ORR.

ACCIDENT DATA BETWEEN 2020 – 2022

Accident-prone spots	No. of accidents				No. of fatal accidents				No. of grievous injuries			
	2020	2021	2022	Total	2020	2021	2022	Total	2020	2021	2022	Total
Near Bagmane Tech Park, near EMC Square building	6	2	4	12	7	2	3	12	0	0	1	1
Near Tin Factory skywalk	2	2	3	7	2	2	1	5	0	0	2	2
ORR, near JP Morgan	4	5	10	19	3	2	2	7	1	3	8	12
Near Karthik Nagar Kalamandir, ORR	4	2	6	12	2	0	2	4	2	2	6	10

Source: Bengaluru Traffic Police

INTERVENTIONS SUGGESTED

Bagmane Tech Park EMC Square building
Instal skywalk, high-rise barricade (median)

Tin Factory skywalk to hanging bridge on Old Madras Road
Instal 8 CCTV cameras, scientific road humps, new street lights, cat's eyes, signage, median

ORR, near JP Morgan
Requirement of CCTV cameras, scientific road humps, street lights, lifts in skywalks, cat's eyes, signage

Near Karthik Nagar Kalamandir, ORR
Instal CCTV cameras, scientific road humps, street lights, cat's eyes, medians, footpath wall

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Woman dies

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A woman, who had sustained burns along with her husband and two children in an explosion caused by LPG cylinder leakage last Sunday, succumbed to injuries on Saturday.

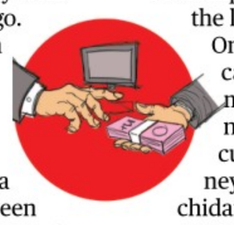
The deceased, Sudha Bai, 32, living with her family in Vasanth layout, Marathahalli, tried to light the stove in the early hours, and this led to an explosion, as there was a leakage at night. She had sustained severe burns and was admitted to a private hospital before being to moved to the Victoria Hospital Burns Ward, where she succumbed on Saturday.

The police have registered a case of unnatural death and are investigating, The other family members admitted in the hospital are said to be out of danger and are recovering.

Man dupes IT firm engineer of ₹13.5 lakh

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The south division cybercrime police are on the lookout for a man who, posing as a recruiter for an international aviation company, duped a 43-year-old techie and made away with ₹13.5 lakh a month ago.



After waiting in vain for the appointment letter, the victim, identified as Sacchidananda B. S., a resident of Anjanapura realised that he had been cheated and filed a complaint with the police on Friday.

In his complaint, Mr. Sacchidananda said that he had applied for the job online for a company a month ago. On August 16, he received a call from an unknown number, and the person, who identified himself as a representative of a leading aviation company said that he had an opening for a senior position with a salary of ₹46 lakh per annum. The person even conducted an 'interview' online and said that Sacchidananda had been selected.

Offering to send him a joining letter, the accused told him that there are few formalities to be completed before issuing the letter of appointment.

On the pretext of medical expenses, document verification, and notice period, the accused demanded money to be paid, and Sacchidananda followed his instructions and paid ₹13.54 lakh on different occasions. Soon after the money was transferred, the accused promised to send him the offer letter and later turned incommunicado.

After waiting for nearly a month, Sacchidananda finally realised that he had been cheated and complained to the police.

KVS 31st National Children's Science Congress held

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BENGALURU

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) Regional-level 31st National Children's Science Congress was held on September 20 and 21 at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Hebbal.

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As many as 31 scientists were judges.

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Techie from Srinagar held on charge of rape, attempt to convert live-in partner

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The Hebbagodi police on Friday arrested a 32-year software engineer from Srinagar on the charges of trying to convert his live-in partner to his faith on the pretext of marriage. The accused allegedly even performed unnatural sexual acts on the victim and cheated her by taking huge sum of money from her.

The accused, identified as Mogil Ashraf Baig, has worked with an IT firm in Electronics City since 2018 and befriended the victim, who is also a techie and started living with her. The accused promised to get married initially but later allegedly demanded her to convert to his faith and allegedly started harassing her. Unable to bear the harassment, the victim complained to the police on social media. The Bellandur police initially probed the case and later transferred it to their Hebbagodi counterparts for further investigations.

Taken into custody

Based on the complaint, the Hebbagodi police registered an FIR under sections 376 (rape), 377 (unnatural offences), 506 (criminal intimidation), 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention), 420 (cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property) and 417 (cheating) of the Indian Penal Code and section 5 of Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Act, 2022 and formed a special team to dispatch to his native where the accused had escaped to. The police have taken the accused into custody for further investigations.

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Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder
Ms. Mansi Singh
Aged about 24 years
D/o. Mr. Anil Kumar Singh
...PLAINTIFF

AND :
1. Mr. Mahesh A.
S/o. Aswath Narayana Reddy
Aged Major. No.82, 3rd Cross Road, Front of Babu Reddy House, NGR Layout Roopena agrahara, Bangalore- 560068.
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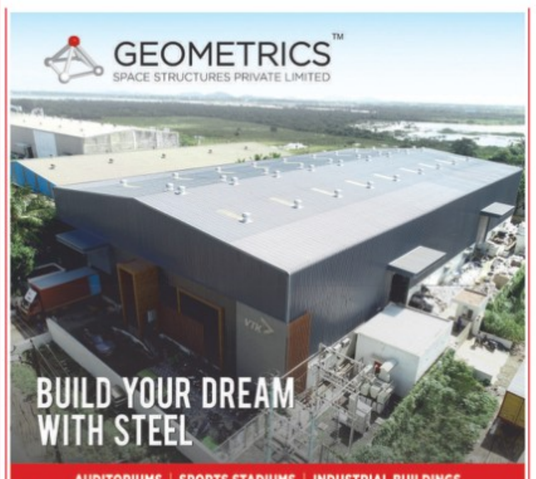
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Former Chief Ministers B.S. Yediyurappa and Basavaraj Bommai, and other BJP leaders and workers staging a protest in Bengaluru on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy at Krishnaraja Sagar on Saturday.

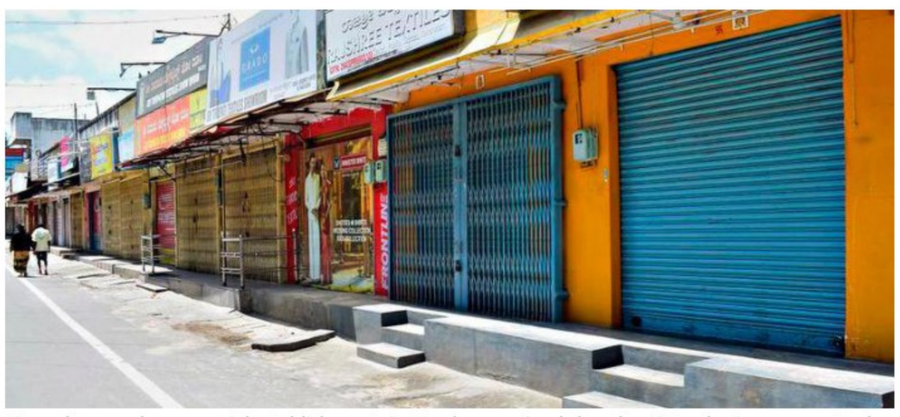
Bandh observed in Mandya in protest against water release to Tamil Nadu

Banks remained closed as it was fourth Saturday, but many private educational institutions declared a holiday; students come out in support of stir

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Several shops and business establishments remained closed in Mandya on Saturday, in response to a bandh call by the Mandya District Farmers' Struggle Committee in protest against the release of Cauvery water from the reservoirs to Tamil Nadu.

Private buses and autos stayed off the road, while theatres, hotels, and most commercial establishments downed their shutters as activists of Kannada organisations and farmers' outfits staged demonstrations in different parts of Mandya.



Many shops and commercial establishments in Mandya remained closed on Saturday in response to the bandh call by farmers' outfits.

Banks remained closed on account of a holiday on the fourth Saturday, but many private educational institutions declared a holiday for their students. A number of students from different colleges joined the protesters at Sanjay Circle and formed a human chain.

Mandya District Farmers' Struggle Committee leader Sunanda Jayaram said they had given the bandh call only in Mandya town, but had received reports from all taluks of the district that people had voluntarily downed their shops and business establishments.

"The bandh call elicited a very good response from people across Mandya district," she claimed.

In Maddur, where shops and business establishments remained closed, Kannada activists took out a bike rally through the thoroughfares of the town.

However, the police said that traffic was plying normally on the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway. "Traffic on the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway has not been affected," said a police official.

Meanwhile, the State unit of the BJP held a symbolic protest at Mysore Bank Circle in Bengaluru against what they called the "failure of the Congress government to protect the State's interest" in Cauvery issue.

Among them were former Chief Ministers B.S. Yediyurappa and Basavaraj Bommai. Mr. Yediyurappa accused the ruling party of "behaving like agents of Tamil Nadu."

Saturday also saw JD(S) leader and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, who arrived back in the State after his Delhi visit where the JD(S)-BJP tie-up was announced, visiting the KRS on his way to Mandya. He also took part in a protest at Mandya.

Water release from KRS, Kabini continues in compliance with CWMA directive

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The CWMA directed Karnataka to release water at the rate of 5,000 cusecs per day till September 27

Amidst a protest by farmers against the release of water to Tamil Nadu on Saturday, outflow from the reservoirs in the Cauvery basin continued in compliance with the directives of the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA).

The CWMA directed Karnataka to release water at the rate of 5,000 cusecs per day till September 27, which was opposed by the State and it approached the Supreme Court. But the SC refused to intervene in the CWMA order which is now binding on the State, in compliance with which the water is being released.

The outflow from the Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) near Srirangapatana was at the rate of 6,034 cusecs, of which 2,503 cusecs were being discharged into the canals for irrigation in and around Mandya and Cauvery basin in Karnataka. An additional 400 cusecs were being released into the Devaraja Canal and 50 cusecs each into the Right Bank Low Level Canal and Left Bank Low Level Canal, apart from 50 cusecs to the Mysuru City Corporation for meeting domestic consumption.

The discharge from the KRS into the river which flows to Tamil Nadu is at the rate of 2,973 cusecs. An additional 2,500 cusecs are being released from the Kabini reservoir at H.D. Kote in Mysuru district and the cumulative discharge from both the reservoirs that will flow to Biligundlu on the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border is at the rate of 5,473 cusecs as of 8 a.m. on Saturday.

Consequent to the continuous discharge, the water level at the KRS on Saturday morning declined to 96.9 feet against the full reservoir level of 124.8 feet. The reservoir level on the same day last year was 124.36 ft. The gross storage capacity of the KRS is 49.45 tmcft against which the actual storage on Saturday was 20.48 tmcft, of which about 4 tmcft constitutes dead storage. The live storage on the same day last year was 48.84 tmcft.

The level at the Kabini reservoir was 2,275.01 feet against the full reservoir level of 2,284 ft. The level on the same day last year was 2,283.04 ft. The gross storage capacity of the reservoir is 19.52 tmcft against which the storage position on Saturday was 14.28 tmcft.

INBRIEF

Two JD(S) Muslim leaders resign after alliance with BJP

Disillusioned with the decision of the Janata Dal (Secular) to join hands with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, two Muslim leaders associated with the regional party have decided to cut their ties with it, while a few more are said to be contemplating a similar move.

Senior State vice-president of the JD(S) Syed Shafiulla Saheb has resigned from the party, as did U.T. Farzana Ashraf, who was a party spokesperson. The president of the State unit of the JD(S) C.M. Ibrahim, is also reportedly unhappy with the alliance.

Mr. Shafiulla said that a few long-term JD(S) Muslim leaders had held a meeting and expressed their opposition to the alliance. He said that among the others present at the meeting included former Minister and State working president N.M. Nabisahab.

Cong. appoints Ministers as observers to 28 LS seats

The KPCC has appointed 28 Ministers as observers to 28 Lok Sabha constituencies in the State for identifying winnable candidates in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, who is also the Deputy Chief Minister, has asked Ministers to hold meetings with each constituency-level worker and submit a report on the probable candidates for the Lok Sabha elections.

While Home Minister G. Parameshwara has been appointed as observer to the Bengaluru North constituency, Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh has been appointed to Bengaluru Rural. Minor Irrigation and Science and Technology Minister N.S. Boseraju has been appointed as the observer to Bengaluru Central segment and Primary and Secondary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa to Dakshina Kannada (Mangaluru) constituency.

COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee reconstituted

The State government has reconstituted the COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to analyse COVID-19 data on a day-on-day basis and advise the government on necessary intervention. The new 15-member TAC will be headed by K. Ravi, Professor and head of the department of medicine at Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute.

Mohammed Shariff, State Deputy Director (National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme) will continue as the member-secretary.

Cash-for-BJP ticket: More cheating cases against accused

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Multiple cheating cases have been registered against the accused in the multi-crore cash-for-BJP ticket case in the State.

Chaitra K., Abhinava Halashree Swami, and five others were arrested, after a Bengaluru-based businessman Govinda Babu Poojary allegedly paid ₹4.5 crore after he was promised a BJP ticket.

The Kota police of Udupi district have filed their submission before a city court seeking the custody of Chaitra in another cheating case. The accused had allegedly taken ₹5 lakh from a fisherman, promising to help him set up a cloth shop.

Meanwhile, another cheating case has been filed against Swami, based on a complaint by a former Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) of the Ranathur Gram Panchayat in Shirahatti taluk of Gadag district. The former PDO alleged he had paid the seer ₹1 crore to get him a BJP ticket.

A senior official said that while two more people, who had been allegedly duped by the gang, had come forward with their complaints, a careful analysis of the accused's call records and the investigation so far have indicated that they duped more people, flaunting their links in the BJP.

CCB officials on Saturday produced Chaitra and her associates arrested in the case before the magistrate, who remanded them in judicial custody for 14 days. The court asked the CCB officials to submit their objections to the bail application coming up on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the seer, who was arrested recently, continues to be in CCB custody.

The officials grilled Chaitra and her associates and recorded their statements before recovering part of the money they had taken from Mr. Poojary.

Of the ₹4.5 crore, CCB sleuths have now recovered ₹4.11 crore and the remaining ₹39 lakh had been spent by the accused, police sources said. However, the police have also recovered two luxury cars, one each from Chaitra and Swami, which they allegedly bought using the money.

The police have also recorded the statements of the complainant and witnesses in the case before a magistrate under Section 164 of Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) to prevent them from turning hostile.

Injunction against the use of 'Kundapura'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A city civil and sessions court on Saturday restrained the media from using the name of 'Kundapura' with the accused's name. The order was issued based on a petition filed by Ganesh Shetty, a resident of Kundapura, seeking the court's directions to remove the name of 'Kundapura', used as a suffix with Chaitra's name, arguing this had tarnished the image of the town.

The court, admitting the plea, issued notices to media houses and restrained them from using the name until the next hearing on December 5.

'Raitharondige Navu' programme to help farmers of drought-hit Tumakuru district

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

To ensure "ease of doing farming" in drought-hit Tumakuru, over half a dozen government departments have joined hands by roping in NGOs and launched a novel programme called "Raitharondige Navu'' (we are with farmers) for providing services, including counselling, to mitigate risks faced by small and marginal farmers.

Nine out of 10 taluks have been declared drought-hit in Tumakuru district: Chikkanayakanahalli, Gubbi, Koratagere, Kunigal, Madhugiri, Pavagada, Shira, Tiptur, and Thuruvekere.

Farmers attending a 'Raitharondige Navu' programme at C.S. Pura hobli in Gubbi taluk of Tumakuru district. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

One-stop solution

Launched at the hobli level, the objective of the "Raitharondige Navu" programme is to provide information on all activities of farming, horticulture, floriculture, sericulture, veterinary and marketing, insurance, bank loans, availability of subsidies under various schemes, soil health, fertilizer and pesticides to farmers at a one-stop-shop on the day of the weekly market (shandy day).

It has been made mandatory for hobli-level officials of the Revenue and the Agriculture Departments and its allied departments, such as the Animal Husbandry, the Horticulture, the Agricultural Marketing, the Fisheries, and the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, and the Panchayat Development Officers (PDOs) to attend the programme.

The Halappa Foundation, headed by Muralidhara Halappa, and Sarvodaya Mandali have joined hands and successfully conducted programmes in five hoblis so far.

The programme that was initially mooted by Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar and being implemented with the initiative of Mr. Halappa, has helped department officials understand the difficulties faced by farmers and helped small farmers in many ways, said Shivaraj Kuchanji, who owns a two-acre plot in Tumakuru rural.

While bank officials provide information on the types of documents to be produced by farmers for availing themselves of loans, the Agriculture Department officials provide tips about the necessity of taking insurance for crops to mitigate the climate-related risk.

Many farmers got information about diseases to cattle and crops through the programme, said farmer C.N. Ramesh, who met officials at the function held at C.S. Pura hobli in Gubbi taluk.

Advance notice

"In advance, we communicate the day of the programme to farmers of each hobli. We start the programme at noon and continue till 4 p.m. to ensure that all farmers attending the meeting get the opportunity to talk to officials," Mr. Halappa said.

The programme is organised at Santhe Maidan, Honnudike, Guluru hobli in Tumakuru taluk on Sunday.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

K BADRINATH (62) Chartered Accountant (Karaikudi) S/o. S Kuppuswami Iyer, Auditor, expired @ Chennai, on 23–9–2023. Obsequies & tenth day at Gnanavapi, T Nagar, Ct: 9443124540

OBITUARY

Mr. M.A. EMILE, IPS (Retd)
Slept in Jesus on 23.09.2023 at No. 21, St. Rozario Street, Muthialpet, Puducherry - 3.
Funeral Service on 24.09.23 at 2.30pm, Our Lady of Rosary Church, Muthialpet, Puducherry-3.
May his Soul Rest in Peace
Wife- Mrs. Lima Rose Emile
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A BG-BGE

T.N., Kerala to join hands to count endangered Nilgiri tahr

Wilson Thomas
COIMBATORE

After launching Project Nilgiri Tahr last year for the conservation of the State animal, Tamil Nadu is now working on a standardised protocol to count the endangered population of southern India's only mountain ungulate. The Tamil Nadu Forest Department will also propose to its Kerala counterpart to conduct a synchronised census, as the animal is only found in select habitats in the two States.

For the first time, drones may be used in the census, as the Nilgiri tahr prefers montane grasslands, with steep and rocky terrains at an altitude between 300 metres and 2,600 metres above sea level. There are believed to be a little over 3,100 of the animals living in highly fragmented habitats in the Western Ghats in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, ranging between the Nilgiris in the north and the Kanniyakumari hills in the south, according to a 2015 study by WWF-India.

A file photo of the Nilgiri tahr at the Anamalai Tiger Reserve at Aliyar on Pollachi-Valparai Road in Coimbatore district. M PERIASAMY

Synchronised survey

The Tamil Nadu Forest Department is proposing two censuses: one in November, after the southwest monsoon, and the other in March or April, after the calving season. If Kerala agrees to the proposal, the second census is likely to be a synchronised count. Supriya Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary of the State's Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department, said that this would be the first comprehensive, exclusive census for the State animal.

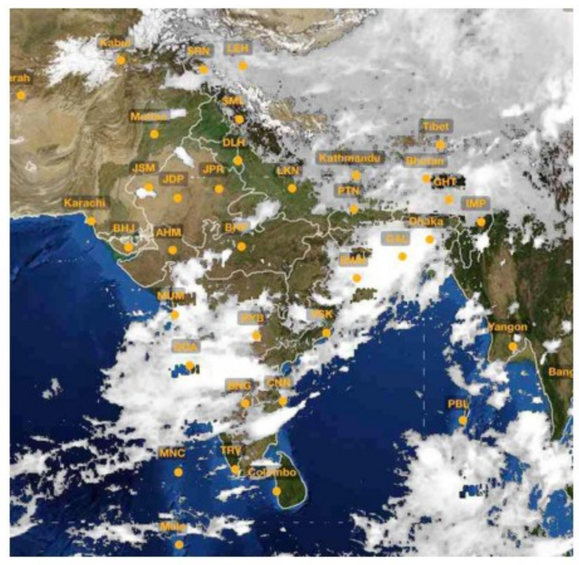
Experts felt that bounded count and double-observer survey methods could be priority models. Camera traps could also be used in difficult terrains.

"The Project Nilgiri Tahr team, during field visits, experimented with drones to observe tahr groups. Contrary to our perception, they were not disturbed by the drone flown around 100 metres above them," said S. Ramasubramanian, Conservator of Forests and Field Director of the Anamalai Tiger Reserve, the second biggest habitat of the animal after the Eravikulam National Park in Kerala.

Besides anthropogenic pressures, Nilgiri tahr habitats face threats in the form of the spread of invasive plants such as wattles, pines, and eucalyptus in the grasslands. A component of the Project Nilgiri Tahrs aims to study the possible causes of the lumpy skin disease that has been observed in the animal, and suggest a remedy for it.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Bihar, east Madhya Pradesh and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Punjab, Delhi, Odisha, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	21.4	32.4	25.2	Kozhikode	2	33.5	25.2
Ahmedabad	—	34.4	27.5	Kurnool	—	34.0	25.3
Aizawl	—	33.6	20.2	Lucknow	—	32.8	25.9
Allahabad	—	33.8	26.8	Madurai	—	37.7	25.1
Bengaluru	1	30.8	21.4	Mangaluru	5	30.4	24.1
Bhopal	43.8	—	23.0	Mumbai	1	28.9	25.4
Bhubaneswar	13.2	34.4	25.9	Mysuru	—	31.8	22.0
Chandigarh	—	32.2	24.2	New Delhi	—	35.1	27.0
Chennai	—	33.9	27.5	Patna	61	27.8	25.0
Coimbatore	—	34.1	23.4	Port Blair	28	27.6	24.2
Dehradun	11	31.1	23.2	Puducherry	—	34.9	27.2
Gangtok	26	18.5	16.6	Pune	17.2	30.2	22.4
Goa	18	30.3	23.5	Raipur	6.4	29.0	24.5
Guwahati	0.6	31.8	25.4	Ranchi	3.5	28.6	21.4
Hubballi	—	29.0	23.0	Shillong	14	26.1	17.4
Hyderabad	—	30.8	23.3	Shimla	—	22.2	15.1
Imphal	—	30.5	21.1	Srinagar	—	28.4	13.4
Jaipur	21	34.6	25.9	Thiruvananthapuram	8	31.3	23.9
Kochi	20	29.6	24.2	Tiruchi	—	36.3	25.6
Kohima	7	23.2	17.4	Vijayawada	—	34.0	25.4
Kolkata	25	30.0	25.8	Visakhapatnam	—	32.2	26.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	3	55	50	69	114	
Bengaluru	7	13	34	139	187	
Chennai	4	55	50	34	49	
Delhi	20	48	45	129	187	
Hyderabad	8	7	35	69	99	
Kolkata	6	10	14	30	48	
Lucknow	9	20	36	37	58	
Mumbai	49	3	115	—	46	
Pune	132	221	109	32	28	
Visakhapatnam	—	—	—	—	—	—

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Sonipat, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 221 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Bhilai, Chhattisgarh recorded a healthy AQI score of 18

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

INBRIEF

PM Modi to address public meeting in Telangana

To infuse enthusiasm and prepare the cadre for the upcoming Assembly elections in Telangana, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address a public meeting to be organised by the BJP in Mahabubnagar on October 1. The meeting will be held at 12 noon at the ITI ground at Bhootpur in Mahabubnagar and the party wants to ensure that it sends the right signals to the party cadre. "Only the Prime Minister can infuse the enthusiasm that party is now looking for after the party image took a beating due to some internal issues," a senior leader agreed. As rumours of some internal misunderstanding between the BJP and the Bharat Rashtra Samiti (BRS) reached ground-level and people started believing it to be true, the BJP planned this public meeting.

Veteran producer N.M. Suresh elected KFCC president

Veteran producer N.M. Suresh (*Excuse Me, Chappale, Cheluveye Ninna Nodalu)* was elected president of the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) on Saturday. Mr. Suresh, who secured 337 votes, won the post by a margin of 120 votes. He succeeds Ba. Ma. Harish. Others in fray for the top KFCC post were Shilpa Srinivas (217 votes), A. Ganesh (204), and V.H. Suresh (181). The other office-bearers are: Secretary (Producers' sector) Mr. Ba. Ma. Harish; distributors' sector V. Subramani; exhibitors' sector Sundar Raju; vice-president (producers' sector) Pramila Joshai; distributors' sector G. Venkatesh, and exhibitors' sector Narasimha.

Cong. irked as CPI MP asks to not repeat Rahul in Wayanad

Rahul should be contesting against the BJP and not an ally, says CPI's RS MP P. Sandosh Kumar; it is the prerogative of the party's CEC to decide which leader fights from where, says K.C. Venugopal

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

A suggestion made during internal discussions at the recent national executive meeting of INDIA bloc member CPI that senior leader Rahul Gandhi not seek re-election from Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency in 2024 has annoyed the Congress, especially its Kerala unit.

CPI Rajya Sabha MP P. Sandosh Kumar's reported remarks from September 19 that Mr. Gandhi's return to Wayanad could be taken as a sign of weakness, given the changed political

Rahul Gandhi

situation in the country from 2019, found few takers in the Congress.

Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal dismissed the suggestion, saying it is the prerogative of the party's Central Election Committee to decide on candidature and "no one else needs to have an opinion on this". State Congress chief K. Sudhakaran called the suggestion "unfair", insisting that the Kerala unit wants Mr. Gandhi to contest again from Wayanad.

Kerala's unique political situation, with INDIA allies Congress and the Left parties engaged in a direct fight with the BJP's presence nominal, precludes the necessity of a seat-sharing arrangement in the State.

Mr. Kumar, according to sources, had reasoned that Mr. Gandhi was no ordinary candidate and many looked up to him, especially after the support he garnered during the 4,000-km-long Bharat Jodo Yatra, as the natural leader of the alliance. Instead of Wayanad, he should contest from one of the Hindi-speaking States and take the BJP head-on, he had suggested.

The CPI MP refused to comment on his remarks at the party's national executive but told *The Hindu*, "It is advisable that Mr. Gandhi not contest against the Left, which is an integral part of the new movement called the INDIA."

(With inputs from the Kerala Bureau)

Cancel Group-I preliminary test held in June: HC to TSPSC

Marri Ramu
HYDERABAD

Justice P. Madhavi Devi of Telangana High Court on Saturday allowed a writ petition seeking cancellation and re-conduct of the preliminary examination held on June 11 for recruitment of Group-I cadre officers. Three candidates who appeared for the exam moved the High Court, contending that the Telangana State Public Service Commission conducted the test without obtaining the biometrics of the candidates. They also maintained that the OMR (Optical Memory Read) sheets issued to the candidates did not contain the hall ticket number.

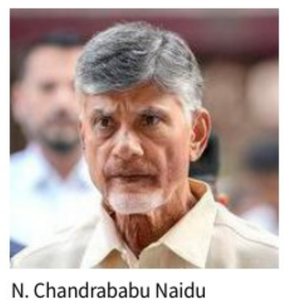
The TSPSC did not 'appear to be careful either in conducting the examination or in correlating the data of the candidates who appeared for the examination..', the judge said in the verdict.

Skill development case: TDP president moves top court

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Telugu Desam Party national president and former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday appealed the Supreme Court against an Andhra Pradesh High Court order refusing to quash FIRs against him in the multi-crore skill development scam case.

The special leave petition said the FIRs were "an orchestrated campaign of regime revenge to derail the largest Opposition in the State"."The petitioner


N. Chandrababu Naidu

(Naidu) was suddenly named in the FIR registered 21 months ago, arrested in an illegal manner and deprived of his liberty, motivated only by political reasons. Even though there is no material against him, the petitioner is being made to suffer an illegal and motivated investigation in clear violation of his fundamental rights," the special leave petition said. His lawyers had argued the prosecution did not get the mandatory prior sanction under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act before instituting criminal proceedings against Mr. Naidu. The defence side contended that prior sanction from the Governor was required as the decision to undertake the project was part of the official duties of Mr. Naidu when he was Chief Minister.

Funeral of organ donors to be held with state honours

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has announced that funerals of brain-dead persons whose organs are donated will be conducted with state honours. In a post on X (formerly Twitter), Mr. Stalin said Tamil Nadu continued to be a forerunner in saving the lives of hundreds of patients through organ donations. This has been possible because of the selfless sacrifices of those who come forward to donate the organs of their family members who are declared brain dead, he added. The announcement was met with widespread appreciation on social media.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Deputy Commissioner Shivamogga District, Shivamogga, (hereinafter referred to as The Purchaser) invites tenders from eligible tenderers, for Providing Catering Services for Indira Canteens in Shivamogga CC, Bhadravathi and Sagara CMC of Shivamogga District in Karnataka State detailed in the Table below. Tender documents may downloaded from Karnataka public Procurement Portal website (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

(1) Last date and time for tender queries : **30.09.2023, 5.00 P.M** (2) Last date and time for receipt of tender : **21.10.2023, 5.30 P.M** (3) Date and time for opening technical bid : **25.10.2023 11.00 A.M** (4) Date and time for opening financial bid : **31.10.2023, 11.00 AM.**

Sl No.	Brief Description	Approximate value of goods & services per year (In rupees)	EMD (In rupees)	Delivery Schedule
1	Providing Catering Services for Indira Canteens in Shivamogga, CC Limits of Shivamogga District in Karnataka State as per price schedule listed in KPPP portal. (Indent No. DMA/2023- 24/IND0463)	4,56,20,000	6,78,900	As given in tender document
2	Providing Catering Services for Indira Canteens in Bhadravathi, CMC Limits of Shivamogga District in Karnataka State as per price schedule listed in KPPP portal. (Indent No. DMA/2023- 24/IND0464)	2,26,30,000	3,39,500	
3	Providing Catering Services for Indira Canteens in Sagara, CMC Limits of Shivamogga District in Karnataka State as per price schedule listed in KPPP portal. (Indent No. DMA/2023- 24/IND0530)	1,13,15,000	2,00,000	

DIPR/SMG/No.88-09 zenkar/2023-24
sd/- Project Director, District Urban Development Cell, Shivamogga Dist, Shivamogga

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
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CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027
E- TENDER NOTICE
E Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited.

Sl. No.	Name of Project	E-Tender ID	Bid Submission Last Date
1.	Request for proposal (RFP) For the Selection of agency for supply, installation and Commissioning, Operation and Maintenance of Electronic Display Boards LED type Thiruvananthapuram	2023_SCTLT_605900_1	19.10.2023 05:00 PM

Date and Time of opening Price Bid: To be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by Email
All the documents and details are available on the E procurement website.
Bids are only accepted online on the website https://etenders.kerala.gov.in
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Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
(Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813) Website: wwwpspcl.in
(Contact No. 96461-22185)
Tender Enquiry No. 288/SS(D)-355/Spares Dated: 22.09.2023
Dy.CE/Substation Design/TS Organization, PSPCL, C-1, shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for Design, Manufacture, Testing at firm's works & at PSPCL site and supply of 2 noc. (Each) 'Prime mover/Puller/Truck of reputed make suitable for pulling trailer along with 62MT Pay Load' and 'Trailer for transportation of Heavy Power Transformer/other material with maximum Payload Capacity of 62MT' from one place to another in Punjab state complete with all accessories (ready for use in field) along with all the requisite govt. clearances, RCs and set of Mts. tools & tackles. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 26.09.2023(11:00AM onwards).
NOTE: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in
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Karnataka Government Secretariat
Finance Department
Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
No. FD 02 BMB 2023 Date: 22.09.2023

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

It is notified for general information that the outstanding balance of **9.39% Karnataka SDL** 2023 issued in terms of the Government of **Karnataka**, Finance Department Notification No. **FD 02 BMB 2013 dated October 17, 2013** will be repaid at par on October 23, 2023 with interest due up to and including **October 22, 2023.** In the event of a holiday being declared on the aforesaid date by any State Government under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, the loan will be repaid by the paying offices in that State on the previous working day. **No interest will accrue on the loan from and after October 23. 2023.**

2. As per sub-regulation 24 (2) and 24 (3) of Government Securities Regulations, 2007 payment of maturity proceeds to the registered holder of Government Security held in the form of Subsidiary General Ledger or Constituent Subsidiary General Ledger account or Stock Certificate shall be made by a pay order incorporating the relevant particulars of his bank account or by credit to the account of the holder in any bank having facility of receipt of funds through electronic means. For the purpose of making payment in respect of the securities, the original subscriber or the subsequent holders of such a Government Securities, as the case may be, shall submit to the Bank or Treasury and Sub- Treasury or branch of State Bank of India, where they are enfaced / registered for payment of interest, as the case may be, the relevant particulars of their bank account.

3. However, in the absence of relevant particulars of bank account / mandate for receipt of funds through electronic means, to facilitate repayment on the due date, holders of **9.39% Karnataka SDL 2023** should tender their securities at the Public Debt Office, 20 days in advance. The securities should be tendered for repayment, duly discharged on the reverse there of as under:

"Received the Principal due on the Certificate".

4. It should be particularly noted that at places where the treasury work is done by a branch of the State Bank of India, the securities, if they are in the form of Stock Certificates, should be tendered at the branch of the bank concerned and not at the Treasury or Sub-Treasury.

5. Holders who wish to receive payment at places other than those where the securities have been enfaced for payment should send them duly discharged to the Public Debt Office concerned by Registered and Insured Post. The Public Debt Office will make payment by issuing a draft payable at any Treasury / Sub-Treasury or branch of State Bank of India conducting Government Treasury work in the State of **Karnataka.**

Sd/- (Reju M. T.)
Secretary to Government (Expenditure)
Finance Department

DIPR/CP/RO1413/AAPL/2023-24

From Page One

Mobile Internet back in Manipur

Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh addresses a press conference in Imphal on Saturday. PTI

Ethnic violence erupted in Manipur on May 3 between the tribal Kuki-Zo and the Meitei communities after a tribal solidarity march, in protest against a High Court order directing the State government to consider including the Meiteis on the Scheduled Tribes list, turned violent.

At least 175 people were killed in the violence in the past five months. More than 60,000 people were internally displaced, while around 12,000 Kuki-Zo people took shelter in the neighbouring State of Mizoram.

On September 15, at a press conference, Inspector-General of Police (Operation) I.K. Muivah said that 5,132 cases of arson, including 4,786 case of burning of houses, were reported since May 3. He said 386 religious structures – 254 churches and 132 temples – were vandalised in the violence. He added that 1,118 persons were injured and 32 people missing. More than 4,000 weapons have been looted from police armouries. The officer said that 1,329 weapons were recovered till September 15.

Curfew imposed

The restrictions were lifted on a day when curfew was imposed in all the five valley districts where the Meitei people live as the police anticipated protests from civil society groups and women leaders after M. Anand Singh, who was among the five armed men granted bail by an Imphal court on Friday, was arrested by the National Investigation Agency and flown to Delhi.

The valley districts have been reeling under protest since September 16 when five "armed miscreants" were arrested with sophisticated weapons. They were wearing police uniforms at the time of arrest. The civil groups have claimed that the five men were "village defence volunteers". The police said Singh was a former member of a banned insurgent group – the People's Liberation Army (PLA) – that operates from Myanmar and advocates secession of Manipur from India.

U.S. says it 'wants to see accountability'

"And I think it's important, more broadly, for the international system, that any country that might consider engaging in such acts not to not do so," he said.

Mr. Trudeau, who was in New York on Thursday, had again stated his allegation, saying India's alleged role in the killing of a Canadian in Canada was "of the utmost and foundational importance in a country of rule of law, in a world where international rules-based order matters".

NIA confiscates properties of 'Khalistani terrorist' Pannun

A special court in Mohali had issued order to seize his property; NIA says its probe has found that the U.S.-based proscribed outfit SFJ is misusing cyberspace to radicalise gullible youth

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

Tough action: The house of Sikhs for Justice leader Gurpatwant Singh Pannun in Chandigarh which was confiscated by the National Investigation Agency on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday confiscated the properties of a "designated individual terrorist", Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, in Amritsar and Chandigarh. Pannun is the self-styled general counsel of the U.S.-based proscribed outfit Sikhs for Justice (SFJ). He currently operates from Canada.

The action has been taken against Pannun following the confiscation orders passed by an NIA special court in Mohali. This is the first time that properties of an absconding accused of the NIA have been confiscated.

He has been on the NIA's radar since 2019, when the agency registered its first case alleging his major role in promoting and commissioning terror acts and activities, and spreading fear and terror in Punjab and elsewhere in the country through threats and intimidation tactics.

On February 3, 2021, non-bailable warrants of arrest were issued against Pannun by the NIA court and he was declared a "proclaimed offender" on November 29 last year.

According to the NIA, its probe has revealed that the SFJ was misusing cyberspace to radicalise gullible youth and instigate them to undertake terrorist activities.

He was the main handler and the controller of the outfit, which was declared an unlawful association by the Home Ministry in a notification dated July 10, 2019.

Pannun was designated an "individual terrorist" on July 1, 2020.

He has been accused of exhorting Punjab-based gangsters and youth over social media to indulge in pro-Khalistan activities, challenging the sovereignty, integrity and security of the country.

"In recent days, Pannun has been in the news for issuing blatant threats to the senior Indian diplomats and government functionaries in public forums. Pannun had also threatened the Canadian Hindus a few days, asking them to leave Canada and claiming that they had adopted a 'jingoistic approach' by siding with India," the NIA said.

Land, house

The properties confiscated by the agency include 46 *kanal* (5.7 acres) of agricultural land at Khankot village in Amritsar and one-fourth of the share of a house in Chandigarh.

"These properties were earlier attached following orders passed by the government in two different cases. The properties have now been confiscated on the court's orders under Section 33(5) of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act...," the agency said, adding that it was related to the case registered on April 5, 2020.

The case was originally registered on October 19, 2018 by the Sultanwind police in Amritsar (City) and later taken over by the NIA, which filed a chargesheet against 10 accused persons, including Pannun.

Parties in Punjab take cautious stance on India-Canada conflict

NEWS ANALYSIS

Parties tune their message mindful of the Lok Sabha election in 2024

Vikas Vasudeva
CHANDIGARH

As diplomatic relations between India and Canada take a nosedive, political parties in Punjab are treading cautiously. Mindful of the need to cultivate their vote banks ahead of the Lok Sabha election next year, major parties are adopting starkly different strategies in the State, which has strong connections to the substantial diaspora population in Canada.

The BJP was quick to hit out at Canada, dismissing Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegation that the Indian government was behind the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Khalistan leader, in Canada, and accusing his administration of giving a free hand to anti-India forces in his country.

The BJP's stance is expected to appeal to the minority population of Hindus in Punjab. Senior BJP leader and former Chief Minister Amarinder Singh accused Mr. Trudeau of walking into a trap owing to his own vote bank politics, and putting Canada's diplomatic relationship with India at risk.

The Congress has taken an anti-Khalistan position as part of its larger national agenda, but at the same time, it is playing it safe to keep its focus on regional electoral politics as well. Punjab Congress chief Amarinder Singh Raja Warring said that while the State unit of the party strongly opposed the idea of Khalistan, and has actively fought battles against anti-national forces, it also strongly opposes the labelling of anyone who speaks for Punjab as "anti-national". He asserted that Punjabis do not need to give any proof about their "nationalism".

The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), the century-old regional party that claims to be the representative of the Sikh community, does not have stakes in other States.

It has refrained from commenting directly on the conflict; instead, the party is attempting to connect with people in Punjab and within the Sikh diaspora.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), which is in power in Punjab, has gone mum on the issue.

Given the complexities of Punjab politics, the different stances of political parties amid the India-Canada conflict could give a newfangled shape to the political landscape ahead of the election.

IBSA meet seeks to amplify the Global South's voice

Sriram Lakshman
NEW YORK

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, who is visiting the United States, met with his Brazilian and South African counterparts as part of the IBSA group, to further strengthen South-South cooperation.

"A very productive IBSA meeting with Foreign Ministers Mauro Vieira and Naledi Pandor on #UNGA78 sidelines," Mr. Jaishankar said, remarking that the meeting's outcome demonstrated solidarity between nations of the Global South.

The Minister is in New York to address the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and for plurilateral and bilateral meetings.

Standalone meeting

IBSA's joint communique, released on Saturday, announced that a standalone meeting of Foreign Ministers would be held in the first quarter of 2024. The statement reaffirmed the "strategic significance" in advancing and protecting the interests of the Global South, noting the countries were focused on, among other things, "upholding independent foreign policies", while calling for the peaceful resolution of conflicts.

The Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to principles of the UN Charter, "such as equal sovereignty and non-interference in other countries' internal affairs, greater democracy and the rule of law in international relations", as per the communique.

International humanitarian law, respect for human rights, territorial integrity and reformed multilateralism were also reaffirmed in the document.

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> **S. JAISHANKAR**
> External Affairs Minister

The group expressed its "frustration with the paralysis" of intergovernmental negotiations on UN Security Council (UNSC) reform and, more generally, comprehensive UN reform. It called for text-based negotiations, with fixed timelines and in a formal setting, to be held during the 78th UNGA session.

Backing the aspirations of India, Brazil and African countries for permanent seats on the UNSC, the communique also called for increasing permanent and non-permanent membership of the Council, to include wider representation from Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Anti-terror convention

The group agreed to push for the adoption of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism at the UN, and "reaffirmed the sole authority of the UN Security Council for imposing sanctions".

It also called for urgent reform of the UNSC sanctions committees, with a view to increasing their effectiveness, "while avoiding politicization and double standards".

New Delhi's pursuit of UN sanctions on terrorists has, on multiple occasions, been frustrated because Beijing has wielded its veto to hold up listings. India has also opposed and tried to find workarounds to non-UN backed economic sanctions, such as in the case of western economic sanctions on Iran and Russia.

The Ministers also called for the reform of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, and regretted that developed economies had not met their climate finance goal of $100 billion per year by 2020.

Bilateral meetings

Apart from meetings of IBSA and the Quad (India, with Australia, Japan and the U.S.), Mr. Jaishankar held bilateral talks with Australia, Bahrain, Japan, and the United Kingdom.

With Japan's new Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa, Mr. Jaishankar discussed the special, strategic, and global partnership, and the regional, multilateral, and global cooperation between the two countries, he said on X (formerly, Twitter).

Australia ties

With Foreign Minister Penny Wong of Australia, Mr. Jaishankar wrote that he had discussed the "positive trajectory" between the two countries and specific steps to take the relationship forward.

With the U.K's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Tariq Ahmed, Mr. Jaishankar said that he had discussed the bilateral relationship and Ukraine.

"Good conversation on connectivity, economic linkages and regional dynamics," Mr. Jaishankar wrote, describing his meeting with the Bahrain Foreign Minister Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani.

NIA arrests one person from Manipur with alleged links to Myanmar terror outfits

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday secured custody for five days of a person arrested for his alleged involvement in a transnational conspiracy by Myanmar-based terror outfits to wage a war against the Indian government by exploiting the current ethnic unrest in Manipur.

The accused, identified as Moirangthem Anand Singh, has been booked in a case registered *suo motu* by the NIA on July 19.

The agency alleged that Myanmar-based leaders of insurgent groups and proscribed terrorist organisations were recruiting over ground workers (OGW), cadre and sympathisers for carrying out attacks on security forces and opponent ethnic groups. "For this purpose, the aforementioned leadership are collecting arms, ammunition and explosives by unlawful means, including plunder and pillage of government facilities and resources," the agency said.

Singh was arrested in Imphal on Friday, soon after a special NIA court granted bail to him and four others. On September 16, they were arrested by the Manipur Police while they were allegedly travelling in a vehicle in police camouflage, carrying sophisticated arms. The police alleged that Singh worked as an OGW of the People's Liberation Army of Manipur.

The court, however, observed that the investigating officer could not show a strong *prima facie* case against all the accused for the commission of alleged offences under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the Indian Penal Code.

The arrests had led to protests in Manipur, demanding their release. Protesters claimed the accused were village defence volunteers.

Bihana Didi wins Norman Borlaug award for introducing rice variety

Prabhudatta Mishra
NEW DELHI

Fondly called *Bihana Didi* (Seed Lady) by local communities in Odisha, agriculture scientist Swati Nayak has perhaps begun to reap the fruits of having lived in tribal villages with farmers and understanding their actual needs.

On Thursday, Ms. Nayak became only the third Indian agriculture scientist to win the prestigious Norman E. Borlaug Award for 2023.

A farmer at Dumuria in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha still recalls how children from a distance used to recognise Ms. Nayak and shout that the "Seed Lady" had arrived. This is how the World Food Prize (WFP) Foundation explains she is fondly remembered by the local communities in Odisha.

Swati Nayak

Now with the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Ms. Nayak won the Borlaug Award for "Field Research and Application", a unique distinction when usually breeders walk away with such awards.

What probably attracted global attention to her work was that Ms. Nayak and her team formulated a strategy for introducing the drought-tolerant *Shahabhagi Dhan* rice variety in Odisha. It brought about a major change in rain-fed areas. The variety became an integral element of every farmer family's diet and crop rotation.

'Innovative approach'

The WFP, currently headed by former U.S. Ambassador to China Terry Branstad, recognised Ms. Nayak's 13 years of service in agriculture, saying, "She is recognised for her innovative approach to engaging smallholder farmers in demand-driven rice seed systems, from testing and deployment to equitable access and adoption of climate-resilient and nutritious rice varieties."

In conversation with *businessline* on Friday, Ms. Nayak, based in the IRRI's Delhi office since 2013, dedicated the award to the work done by scientists in the entire extension ecosystem as it connects the laboratory with farm.

"This is indeed a moment of pride for me, my organisation (IRRI), farming community, my family and friends, young women scientists of the globe. It is an opportunity to put my voice louder and showcase the work which I have been doing on the ground as a field scientist. No bigger platform can be provided than this," she said.

No specific information shared by Canada: MEA

Press Trust of India
TORONTO

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has said that Canada shared with India "many weeks ago" evidence that it may have been behind the killing of Khalistan separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar on Canadian soil and wants New Delhi to commit constructively with Ottawa to establish the facts in the "very serious matter".

The External Affairs Ministry in Delhi said: "No specific information has been shared by Canada on this case, either then or before or after... I think we have made very clear, we are willing to look at any specific information."

BJP MP seeks probe into Danish Ali's conduct

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day after Opposition parties' floor leaders in Parliament flooded Speaker Om Birla with letters supporting Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) MP Danish Ali's demand that BJP MP Ramesh Bidhuri's communal slurs against him be referred to the Privileges Committee, BJP MP Nishikant Dubey in turn wrote to the Speaker, asking that the "unsavoury conduct" of Mr. Ali also be probed.

Apart from accusing Mr. Ali of keeping up a "running commentary" while Mr. Bidhuri was making his speech during a discussion on India's Chandrayaan-3 mission, Mr. Dubey alleged that that the BSP MP made a "highly objectionable and blasphemous" remark against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

It was more than enough for "any patriotic public representative to lose his calm and utter unsavoury words", Mr. Dubey claimed. The BJP MP was, however, categorical in condemning Mr. Bidhuri's comments, saying that no decent society could justify them.

Kovind-led panel to seek views on holding simultaneous polls

The first meeting of the committee was to prepare an action plan and discuss holding consultations with stakeholders; the decision is significant as several parties have expressed their opposition, with the Congress categorically rejecting the idea

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The high-level committee, headed by former President Ram Nath Kovind, to examine the possibility of simultaneous elections held its first meeting on Saturday and decided to invite national and regional political parties to submit their views and suggestions on the issue.

Home Minister Amit Shah, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal and former Leader of the Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad were among those who attended the meeting, said a statement of the Law and Justice Ministry.

Decision makers: Ram Nath Kovind, Amit Shah, Ghulam Nabi Azad and others during the first meeting of the high-level committee on simultaneous elections, in New Delhi on Saturday. PTI

'Planned conclusion'

The press statement also said Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, leader of the single largest Opposition party in the Lok Sabha, did not attend the meeting.

The high-level panel was constituted by the Narendra Modi government on September 2, in which Mr. Chowdhury was named as a member.

However, in a letter to Mr. Shah, he declined to join the committee and said, "I have no hesitation whatsoever in declining to serve on the committee whose terms of reference have been prepared in a manner to guarantee its conclusions."

The first meeting of the committee was to prepare an action plan and discuss holding consultations with stakeholders. Preparation of working papers and research on the subject for an in-depth discussion were also on the agenda of the meeting.

"Outlining the modalities of working of the committee, the committee decided to invite recognised national political parties, political parties having government in States, political parties having their representatives in Parliament, other recognised State political parties for seeking suggestions/view points on the issue of simultaneous elections in the country," the Law Ministry said in the statement.

"In addition, the committee will also invite Law Commission of India to make their suggestions/ viewpoints on the issue of simultaneous elections in the country," it added.

Fierce opposition

The decision to invite political parties is significant as several parties have expressed their opposition, with the Congress categorically rejecting the idea.

Many regional parties have also stated that if Assembly and national elections are held together, all parties may have an advantage.

First mooted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government has argued that it will save thousands of crores by not holding elections every year and that development will continue unhindered by the model code of conduct coming into force frequently.

INBRIEF

Farmers to start three-day *rail-roko* agitation in Punjab

As many as 19 farmers' outfits have announced a three-day *rail-roko* agitation across Punjab from September 28 in protest against the Centre's dragging its feet on long-pending measures, including a law on assured minimum support price (MSP). The rail blockade will be the first phase of the protest and the agitation will be intensified further. Sarwan Singh Pandher, general secretary of the Punjab unit of the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee, which is one of the outfits that will take part in the proposed agitation, alleged that the Centre has been indifferent towards farmers' problems and hence they had decided to stage a demonstration to awaken the government from its slumber.

BJP president J.P. Nadda to visit Bihar on October 5

BJP president J.P. Nadda is scheduled to visit Bihar on October 5 to celebrate the 100th birth anniversary of Kailashpati Mishra, one of the founding members of the party and a towering BJP leader from Bihar, at Bapu Sabhagar in Patna. Ever since the ruling party, JD(U), had snapped its ties with the BJP in August 2022 to form *mahagatbandhan* (grand alliance) with the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), Congress, the Left and other smaller parties, senior BJP leaders have been visiting the State regularly to pep up party leaders and workers for the upcoming poll. The BJP is also planning to organise several events across the State till November 3 to celebrate Mishra's birth anniversary.

Assam CM's wife files ₹10-cr. suit against Gaurav Gogoi

Riniki Bhuyan Sarma, the wife of Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, has filed a ₹10-crore defamation suit against Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi for "false" allegations of irregularities in a food processing project. Senior advocate Devajit Saikia, her counsel, said that the case had been filed at the Court of Civil Judge (Senior Division) of Kamrup Metropolitan on Friday and it will be moved on September 26. Mr. Saikia said that the process to seek subsidy under the project had not been initiated at all and for which, a show-cause notice was slapped on his client's firm. Controversy erupted after a report came out alleging nearly 17 acres of agricultural land was reclassified as industrial land. PTI

Tejashwi slams BJP, demands action against MP Bidhuri

Bihar Deputy Chief Minister and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav on Saturday slammed BJP MP Ramesh Bidhuri and termed his language as that of a streetside *mawaali* (street rogue). Mr. Yadav expressed strong displeasure over the controversial remarks in Parliament against BSP MP Danish Ali. He also expressed his concern over delay in action against Mr. Bidhuri. During the Special Session of Parliament on Thursday, Mr. Bidhuri had made objectionable remarks against the BSP MP. Since then the Opposition is continuously attacking the BJP and the PM over the issue. "Mr. Bidhuri has used the sort of foul language that a *mawaali* employs. No action would be taken against him because he is a BJP member," Mr. Yadav said.

INDIA seeks probe into sloganeering from House gallery

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The rule explicitly holds the MP 'responsible' for the visitor's conduct, says Congress MP

Taking note of the sloganeering by women visitors sitting in the gallery during the debate on the women's reservation Bill in the Upper House on Thursday, at least four parties belonging to the Opposition INDIA bloc have written to Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar, asking for stringent action against the MPs who facilitated the entry of the visitors.

The otherwise peaceful debate was interrupted when the Opposition members walked out for 10 minutes, protesting against the slogans of "Modi, Modi" coming from the visitors' gallery in the afternoon session on Thursday. Under the rules, visitors in the gallery are strictly prohibited from drawing any attention to themselves. The Opposition called the incident an attempt to denigrate Parliament.

Over the four days of the Special Session of Parliament, a record number of women visitors were allowed entry inside the precincts. According to sources, 2,000 to 3,000 passes were issued each day, with busloads of visitors reaching Parliament from various parts of Delhi and the States around the national capital. The galleries were packed to the brim.

Rule violation

According to sources, Congress MP Jairam Ramesh, Trinamool Congress MP Mausam Noor, Shiv Sena (Uddhav) MP Priyanka Chaturvedi, and a member from the Sharad Pawar faction of the NCP have demanded a "thorough investigation" into the incident.

In his letter, Mr. Ramesh quoted Rule 264 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, and noted that MPs can only apply for a visitor's card for a person who is "known to him/her personally". The rule explicitly holds the MP "responsible" for the visitor's conduct.

Congress takes a swipe at design of new Parliament building; BJP hits back

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Two days after the Special Session of Parliament ended, the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) were caught in a war of words over the new building, which was used for the first time since its inauguration in May.

If architecture could kill democracy, then the Prime Minister has already succeeded, Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh said.

BJP president J.P. Nadda hit back, labelling the Congress as an "anti-Parliament" party.

The building, designed by Gujarat-based architect Bimal Patel, was inaugurated on May 28 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, but stood idle through the Monsoon Session, with no explanation from the government on why it was not used.

Taking a swipe at the building, Mr. Ramesh said that it should be called a "Modi Multiplex" or "Modi Marriot". In a post on X (formerly Twitter), he lamented that the new design discouraged conversations between MPs, which is key to the smooth functioning of the two Houses.

New House: The new building was inaugurated on May 28 by Narendra Modi, but stood idle through the Monsoon Session. ANI

"If architecture can kill democracy, the PM has already succeeded even without rewriting the Constitution. Binoculars are needed to see each other since the halls are simply not cosy or compact. The old Parliament building not only had a certain aura but it facilitated conversations," Mr. Ramesh wrote.

Underlining the difference between the two buildings, Mr. Ramesh said that in the old one, it was easier to walk between the two Houses. In the new one, "If you lose your way, you are lost in a maze", he said. "The old building gave you a sense of space and openness while the new one is almost claustrophobic."

Irked by Mr. Ramesh's criticism, the BJP president said, "Even by the lowest standards of the Congress party, this is a pathetic mindset. This is nothing but an insult to the aspirations of 140 crore Indians."

Mr. Nadda added, "In any case, this isn't the first time Congress is anti-Parliament. They tried in 1975 and it failed miserably."

Govt. is trying to draft laws in Indian languages: PM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while inaugurating the International Lawyers' Conference in the presence of Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud on Saturday, said his government was focusing on drafting laws in Indian languages and in a manner that is simple to understand.

"We are thinking that law should be produced in two ways. One draft will be in the language you are used to," he told the audience which was mainly made up of legal professionals.

"The second draft will be in a language which the country's common man can understand. He should consider the law his own," he added, noting that laws were being drafted in a complex manner.

Mr. Modi said his government "made the first beginning" in the data protection law and also welcomed the Supreme Court's decision to provide the operative part of a judgment to the litigant in his or her own language.

Kaobal Gali-Mushkoh Valley opens up for tourists

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

The high-altitude passes of the Gurez valley in north Kashmir, out of bounds to civilians, was once prone to frequent shelling from Pakistan. Now, it is all set to connect with the Mushkoh valley, in Kargil's Drass Sector, Ladakh, the site of the war in 1999. The 130-km road has been opened up for tourists. Kaobal Gali, the highest pass at a height of 4,166.9 metres in Gurez, connects the two valleys.

As the ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan continues to hold for the 43rd month, people are hopeful that with prevailing peace will come commerce from tourism.

Bilal Lone, 38, is a herder of zumba yak (smaller than other yaks) from the Gurez valley's Buduaab village. He is upbeat about tourists plying on one of the traditional routes connecting the Kashmir valley with Ladakh this year, both made Union Territories after Article 370 of the Indian Constitution was dissolved, revoking Jammu and Kashmir's special status.

Untouched lands: A high-altitude alpine lake visible from the Kaobal Gali pass in the Tulail Valley. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mr. Lone, also a 'panch' (one of five elected representatives) from Angaikot village, was 14 years old when his family fled the Tulail valley, adjoining Mushkoh, for several months as shells from Pakistan pounded his village.

The Gurez valley, with about 38,000 residents, is already setting a record by hosting 50,000 tourists this year so far. "This is a huge leap, as the highest number of tourists that ever visited Gurez in a year, prior to 2020, was 5,000," Owais Ahmad, Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora, said.

The administration sees huge tourist potential in opening the Gurez-Drass road to tourists.

"The road connecting the two valleys is being maintained under Beacon (by the Border Roads Organisation) and at present is a fair-weather road. From Abdulin onwards (near Kaobali Gali), the stretch can be travelled on only by 4x4 vehicles. We had recently organised a 4x4 car rally on the route," Mr. Ahmad said.

Farah Zaidi, co-founder of Kashmir Off Road which organises overland expeditions in the area, said the road offers a rare range of meadows and passes. "Anyone who loves adventure, thrill, and a landscape that is unique would love to take this route," said Ms. Zaidi.

The Gurez valley is one of few habitations in Kashmir where villages with only log houses exist, with no intervention of urban concrete materials. It is also home to ibex, musk deer and marmots. The meadows of Mushkoh offer boisterous wild tulip flowers and views of breathtaking glaciers. The valley is also home to the endangered Himalayan yew.

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APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHANCELLOR
SEARCH COMMITTEE NOTIFICATION

The Government of Tamil Nadu vide its Gazette notification No. 311 dt 16.8.2023 of Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare Department {G.O.(D) No.513, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare Department (FS.2), dated 08.08.2023} has constituted a Search Committee to recommend a panel of three names to the Hon'ble Governor-Chancellor for appointment of Vice-Chancellor of the Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, Nagapattinam.

The Search Committee invites applications for the post of Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, from distinguished academicians with high level of competence, integrity, moral and institutional commitment and possessing the educational qualifications and work experience according to UGC guidelines and also as notified by the Government of Tamil Nadu in their Tamil Nadu Government Gazette No.21 of 2012 (amended time to time) - Tamil Nadu Fisheries University Act dated 19th June 2012 (copy of which is available in Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University website: **www.tnjfu.ac.in).**

The Vice-Chancellor shall hold the office for a period of three years (provided that the person appointed as Vice-Chancellor shall retire from the office if, during the term of office, he/she attains the age of 70 years).

Interested candidates possessing the qualifications and experience shall download the prescribed application from the website of Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University **(www.tnjfu.ac.in).** The filled in application in the prescribed format shall be sent by speed post duly superscribing the Envelope **"Application for the post of Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Dr.J.Jayalalithaa Fisheries University"** so as to reach the following address, on or before **5.00 p.m.** of **24.10.2023.**

Dr.S.Valli,
Nodal Officer
Search Committee for selection of Vice-Chancellor
Tamil Nadu Dr.J.Jayalalithaa Fisheries University
Department of Computer Science and Engineering
College of Engineering, Guindy Campus, Anna University, Chennai – 600 025

Application received by the Nodal Officer only after publication of this Notification in the Website / Newspaper will be considered. Applications received after the closing date will not be entertained on any account. Application should not be sent to the Search Committee Members directly.

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INBRIEF

Online self-learning course in Indian Sign Language started

An online self-learning course in Indian Sign Language and a dictionary containing 10,000 ISL terms were launched on the International Day of Sign Languages on Saturday. A total of 260 signs for financial terms were also launched. The Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry said the primary objective of the course is to facilitate the acquisition of basic communication skills in Indian Sign Language, including parents of deaf children, siblings, educators, and anyone interested in gaining fundamental knowledge of ISL. The course comprises 10 modules, covering 30 essential topics, to ensure that learners acquire a comprehensive understanding of basic ISL communication. PTI

Pawar visits Adani office, residence in Ahmedabad

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) supremo Sharad Pawar on Saturday visited billionaire Gautam Adani's office and residence in Ahmedabad. Mr. Pawar and Mr. Adani first inaugurated a factory at a village in Sanand in Ahmedabad. The NCP chief thereafter visited Mr. Adani's residence and office in Ahmedabad, sources with direct knowledge of the matter said. It wasn't immediately known what transpired at the meeting. Mr. Pawar posted on X, formerly Twitter, pictures of him and Adani cutting a ribbon of the factory. "It was a privilege to inaugurate India's first Lactoferrin Plant Exympower in Vasna, Chacharwadi, Gujarat along with Mr. Gautam Adani," he said. PTI

Funds misappropriated in Assam tribal council: Cong.

Congress leader Debabrata Saikia alleged on Saturday that funds released for a road improvment project have been misappropriated in Karbi Anlong of Assam. The Congress Legislature Party leader alleged that public funds have been siphoned off through nepotism in the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council headed by Tuliram Ronghang, an aide of Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. "A grant of ₹100 crore under the CM's Road Improvement Package was sanctioned to the Hill Area Development Department in 2019. Due diligence was not exercised while splitting the work between two firms – one owned by Mr. Ronghang's wife and the other by his brother," he said.

Greater Tipraland demand: TIPRA calls for 12-hour strike

The Tipraha Indigenous Peoples Regional Alliance (TIPRA) has called for a 12-hour general strike in areas of the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC) on September 30 to press for its set of demands importantly constitutional solution to its contentious Greater Tipraland demand. One third of the State's population resides in its demarcated jurisdiction. The founder of the TIPRA which is the ruling party in the TTAADC and the main Opposition party in State Assembly Pradyot Kishore Debbarma announced the band here on Saturday.

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Under NEP, sports now integral part of school curriculum: Modi

Prime Minister lays the foundation stone for an international cricket stadium in Varanasi, says it will be a boon to eastern Uttar Pradesh, and remote locations now have sports facilities similar to those in bigger cities such as Delhi and Mumbai

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday that sports could no longer be ignored in the school curriculum as the new education policy placed it in the same category as other subjects.

Laying the foundation stone for an international cricket stadium in Varanasi, his Lok Sabha constituency, on Saturday, Mr. Modi said, "Under the National Education Policy, 2020, importance of sports cannot be neglected, it is in the same category as other subjects."

Starting his speech in Bhojpuri, Mr. Modi said gone were the days when only big cities used to have large stadiums. "Remote locations now have sports facilities similar to those in bigger cities of Delhi and Mumbai," he said.

Team colours: Cricketer Sachin Tendulkar presenting Prime Minister Narendra Modi with an Indian cricket team jersey in Varanasi on Saturday. BCCI president Roger Binny is seen. PTI

Economic boon

Terming the stadium a potential boon for eastern Uttar Pradesh, he said the facility would not only benefit sportspersons but also help boost the economy of the Purvanchal region. "I am privileged to visit Banaras [Varanasi] again, which can't be expressed in words. The stadium to be built in the city of Mahadev will be dedicated to Mahadev himself. The sportspersons from across Purvanchal [eastern Uttar Pradesh] will benefit from the international stadium; it will act as a boon for the region," Mr. Modi said.

Former Indian cricketers such as Sachin Tendulkar and Ravi Shastri, apart from Board of Control for Cricket in India president Roger Binny, vice-president Rajiv Shukla and secretary Jay Shah, were present. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath accompanied Mr. Modi.

The stadium, likely to be completed by December 2025, will have floodlights resembling a *trishul* (trident), and the structure will resemble a *damaru* (small two-headed drum).

The Uttar Pradesh government spent ₹121 crore to acquire 31 acres of land for the stadium. The BCCI is likely to spend ₹330 crore on its construction. The stadium will seat 30,000 and will have seven pitches. The gallery will resemble the stairs of the Ganga Ghat.

Women's Bill

Addressing a rally of women supporters in the city, the Prime Minister spoke about the women's reservation Bill passed by Parliament. "We worship Mother Parvati and Ganga before Mahadev. Kashi [Varanasi] is the birthplace of a brave woman like Rani Lakshmibai. India always showed the power of women's leadership in every time period," Mr. Modi said at the *Nari Shakti Vandan Samaroh* (ceremony to celebrate women's power) at Sampurnanand Sanskrit University.

"After the historic *Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam* was passed in Parliament, I first visited Kashi to seek blessings from all of you, Kashi is the land that witness the virtuous deeds of Goddess Ahilyabai Holkar," Mr. Modi said, adding the power of his mothers and sisters are his shield.

"The Bill [women's reservation Bill] was pending since three decades, but due to your power and blessings, we were able to pass it," he said.

Mr. Modi also inaugurated 16 Atal Residential Schools and interacted with students at a programme organised at Rudraksh Convention Centre in the city.

Take action against 26/11 perpetrators: India at UNGA

Press Trust of India
UNITED NATIONS

India has strongly responded to Pakistan after its caretaker leader raked up Kashmir in his address to the UN General Assembly, with New Delhi saying the "home and patron" to the largest number of proscribed terrorist entities in the world should take credible action against perpetrators of the 26/11 Mumbai attacks instead of engaging in "technical sophistry".

First Secretary in India's Permanent Mission to the UN Petal Gahlot exercised India's Right of Reply in the UNGA after Pakistan's caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar ul Haq Kakar raised the Kashmir issue in his address at the General Debate during the high-level 78th session of UNGA on Friday. "Pakistan has been the home and patron to the largest number of internationally proscribed terrorist entities and individuals in the world. Instead of engaging in technical sophistry, we call upon Pakistan to take credible and verifiable action against the perpetrators of the Mumbai terror attacks, whose victims await justice even after 15 years," Ms. Gahlot said.

'423 acres decluttered in Union government offices in two years'

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Central government office space of the size of 320 football fields has been cleared of clutter and junk in the past two years as part of two special drives, data show. Now, the Centre has decided to scale up efforts to reach a "saturation level" in all offices as part of its upcoming 'Special Campaign 3.0'.

Old computers, printers, desks, tables and other items were sold in market and the government earned ₹595.57 crore. M. PERIASAMY

According to data available with the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), around 90% of the files across Union Ministries and attached offices are being generated in electronic mode.

So far, two campaigns have been completed, and the third drive will take place from October 2 to 31.

"The Special Campaign 3.0 seeks to institutionalise *swachhata* [cleanliness] and minimise pendency in government with a saturation approach. The previous two campaigns have enabled significant transformation of government offices with timely redressal of public grievances, digitisation of office spaces, and archiving of office records," V. Srinivas, Secretary, DARPG, said.

From October 2021 to July 2023, a total of 184.66 lakh square feet or 423 acres of space was freed up in Union government offices. Old computers, printers, desks, tables, cupboards, and vehicles, among other items, were pulled out and sold as scrap in the open market. The government earned ₹595.57 crore from the process. An official said that the Indian Army sold used trucks in the open market, earning ₹212 crore.

"There were a few important files, dating back to the British era, which were discovered during the cleanliness drive. One of the files pertained to Partition. The file was handed over to the NAI and they have preserved the record," the official said. Data show that there has been a massive increase in the number of e-files generated in the past three years. In 2020, the total number of e-files generated across Ministries stood at 14.27 lakh, which increased to 31.90 lakh e-files till June 30, 2023.

The number of MP references that were settled rose from 8,765 in October 2021 to 19,973 in July 2023.

In all, 37,781 MP references have been closed so far. Similarly, the number of public grievances that were settled in the past two years stood at 40,31,289.

'India's quality of active TB case finding suboptimal'

R. Prasad
CHENNAI

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Since 2017, India's TB programme has been undertaking active case finding (ACF) outside the healthcare settings among high-risk populations. Recently, a team led by the Chennai-based National Institute of Epidemiology (ICMR-NIE) undertook the first-ever national-level analysis to measure the quality of ACF. This study was commissioned by the Central TB Division. The results of the study were published on September 21 in the journal *Global Health Action*.

ACF data were available only for 657 districts. Of the three ACF cycles recommended among the high-risk populations each year, 642 districts (98%) undertook just one cycle. Most districts were not clear what constituted one ACF cycle.

An ACF cycle is mapping of the high-risk population and screening and testing them in a given period. "Based on a study in South Africa, two ACF cycles in a year appear to have additional benefits over one cycle. There is no evidence to suggest three cycles are needed," Hemant Deepak Shewade, a senior scientist at ICMR-NIE and the first author of the paper, told *The Hindu*.

Based on the available data, the quality of ACF was measured using three indicators – screening at least 10% of the district population for TB, testing at least 4.75% of the screened, and diagnosing at least 5% TB among those tested. Alternative indicator (a composite measure of the latter two indicators) is the number of persons who must be screened to diagnose one active TB case or number needed to screen (NNS); NNS should be less than 1,538.

The study found that the quality of ACF was suboptimal across the country in 2021. Not one State met all the three ACF quality indicator cut-offs or the NNS. At the national level, 9.3% of the population was screened, just 1% of the screened were tested and 3.7% of the tested were diagnosed. The NNS was 2,824 which is much higher than 1,538.

Within a district, all high-risk populations are to be first identified (which is called mapping) and ACF should be conducted among them. But mapping was undertaken only in areas where ACF was conducted and not for the entire district.

"We did not have comprehensive data on the number of high-risk populations in the district to report the extent of ACF among high-risk populations. Hence, we reported the extent of ACF among the district population and compared it against a derived cut-off of 10%," he said.

They found that States that reported a high percentage of screening had very low percentage of testing among the screened. Meanwhile, States that had low screening had high levels of testing and diagnosis. Quality ACF indicators for each State should be based on TB epidemiology in the State. The percentage of people tested among the screened was the worst of the three indicators; it was even worse in the case of population-based screening. "This could be because sputum collection and transport was suboptimal or the presumptive TB cases were required to visit the nearest testing facilities on their own leading to attrition," he said.

The recommendations of this study have the potential to guide India's ACF guidance for TB.

PSU engineers who build equipment for ISRO go without salary for 20 months

Amit Bhelari
RANCHI

Nearly 3,000 employees of the Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC), including technicians and engineers who helped produce many pieces of equipment for the Indian Space Research Organisation, including the launch pad of Chandrayaan-3, are now forced to sell food and garments to make a living.

These employees have not been paid for the past 20 months.

The HEC is India's oldest public sector unit which supplies equipment to all major steel plants. The firm has three divisions – the Heavy Machine Tools Plant (HMTP), the Heavy Machines Building Plant (HMBP) and the Foundry Forge Plant (FFP) which jointly manufacture equipment.

With salaries unpaid, many HEC employees have withdrawn much of their provident fund, with some even having to take loans to get by. Their children were pulled out of private schools and admitted to government schools because of the high fees.

All at sea: HEC employee Ajay Mirdha selling momos at Argoda Chowk in Ranchi. AMIT BHELARI

Devendra Kumar, who has been working with the HEC since 1993, is forced to sell readymade clothes, including *gamchas* (towels) and women's garments in Shalimar Bazaar near old Vidhan Sabha. Mr. Kumar, who still works at the HMBP, attends office from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., following which he doubles as a salesman of clothes.

"It is very difficult to survive without a regular salary. I am unable to support the education of my three children who are pursuing degree courses in Ranchi. My eldest son wanted to study medicine, but we did not have money for his admission," he says.

Ajay Mirdha, another HEC employee, sells *momos* at Argoda Chowk. His entire family is involved in this business. His wife Manju Devi runs the stand in the morning, and son Priyanshu Mirdha handles afternoons along with his sister Priyanka Kumari, a Class 9 student.

In December 2013, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Ranchi to address an election rally in which he had expressed his disappointment over the condition of HEC. Ten years down the line, not much has changed as some employees say it is on verge of shutting down.

P.D. Mishra, general secretary of the HEC Officer's Association, said the absence of a full-time chairman-cum-managing director has led to the delay in payment of salaries. Mr. Mishra said that officials of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. have been given additional charge.

TAIPEI

Fire at Taiwan golf ball factory kills at least six, injures more than 100

AFP

A fire at a golf ball factory in Taiwan killed at least six persons, three of them firefighters who died in an explosion, authorities said on Saturday. The fire, which began on Friday evening and raged all night, injured more than 100 people, most of them workers, the Pingtung county government told local media. AFP

PARIS

Activists in France take to streets to protest racism, police brutality

AP

Families, community groups and far-left activists marched in cities in France to decry racism and police brutality, putting authorities on edge at a time when police are deployed en masse for a string of events. Anger over the killing by the police of 17-year-old Nahel Merzouk in June was an impetus for Saturday's protests. AP

MOGADISHU

Bombing at checkpoint in Somalia kills at least 15 persons

AP

An explosives-laden vehicle detonated on Saturday at a security checkpoint in the central Somalia city of Beledweyne, killing at least 15 persons and wounding 40 others. There was no immediate claim of responsibility from al-Shabab, which often carries out such attacks and controls parts of Somalia. AFP

NEW YORK

Lavrov dismisses Ukraine peace plan and UN's Black Sea grain deal

AFP

Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Saturday at the UN headquarters in New York that Ukraine's proposed peace plan as well as the latest UN proposals to revive the Black Sea grain initiative were both "not realistic." "It is completely not feasible," Lavrov said of a 10-point peace blueprint promoted by Kyiv. REUTERS

Prominent Uighur intellectuals disappear in Xi Jinping's China

Over 300 leading Uighur intellectuals have been jailed since Xi came to power in 2013, say rights groups; many were swept up in the mass internment of Uighurs between 2016 and 2018, while others were sent to detention centres

Ananth Krishnan

Ilham Tohti, left, and Rahile Dawut used to be considered by Beijing as bridges to the Uighur community. AFP & SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"There are so few of us left," Ilham Tohti reflected during a walk through the lush grounds of Beijing's Minzu University, which specialises in the study of China's ethnic minorities, during a conversation in 2013.

Mr. Tohti, an Uighur economist and intellectual from China's vast western Xinjiang region, had become among the few minority Uighur scholars with a wide following in Xinjiang, where independent voices had been gradually stifled, particularly after Han-Uighur riots in 2009.

Mr. Tohti's university lectures and writings focused on ethnic relations, Xinjiang's economy and why, despite the region's energy riches, unemployment was rife among young Uighurs amid an influx of Han residents.

Only a few months after that conversation, Mr. Tohti's apartment that sits right outside the campus gate was raided, and he was taken away. He was put on trial and sentenced to life in prison in September 2014, charged with "separatism".

According to rights groups, more than 300 leading Uighur intellectuals have been jailed since Xi Jinping coming to power in 2013. Many were swept up in the extraordinary mass internment of Uighurs between 2016 and 2018, when hundreds of thousands were sent to detention centres. The Chinese government initially denied the camps, but later claimed they were for "vocational training".

On Friday, the Dui Hua human rights foundation reported that Rahile Dawut, another prominent Uighur intellectual, who like Mr. Tohti had become a rare independent chronicler of Uighur society, had been sentenced to life in prison "for endangering state security". Ms. Dawut was detained in late 2017 and tried a year later.

A renowned anthropologist who studied folk traditions in Xinjiang, she had founded the Ethnic Minorities Research Centre at Xinjiang University College of the Humanities in 2007. Like Mr. Tohti, as an academic at a prominent state-run university, she had worked with Communist Party administrators through the early 2000s. In Ms. Dawut's case, she was even a Communist Party member and had worked on projects with the Ministry of Culture.

For long, Beijing had, to some degree, valued as bridges to the Uighur community independent voices like Mr. Tohti and Ms. Dawut, who had championed a Uighur identity within the framework of China's ethnic autonomy laws – which were passed in the 1980s and remain, on paper, guarantors of ethnic rights even if their enforcement has often failed them.

However, the shift under Mr. Xi has been so pronounced that even these voices have now been deemed as threats to the state. Friday's news of Ms. Dawut's sentence, observed James Millward, professor at Georgetown University who researches Xinjiang, had clearly rebuffed the Chinese government's "claim that its oppression in the Uighur region is about terrorism, job creation or poverty."

Thailand's reformist party picks replacement leader

Agence France-Presse
BANGKOK

The Thai reformist political party which won the most seats at this year's election appointed a temporary leader on Saturday, a week after blocked Prime Minister challenger Pita Limjaroenrat resigned as party head.

Thai voters disenchanted with a near-decade of rule by military-linked parties backed the Move Forward Party at the May poll.

But there was a long political stalemate as conservatives thwarted Mr. Pita's bid to secure the Prime Minister's job and he was suspended as an MP.

Move Forward now sits on the Opposition benches after Pheu Thai – the election runners-up – formed a coalition government with some pro-military parties while property mogul Srettha Thavisin was endorsed as Prime Minister. Under current rules, the Opposition leader must be an MP.

Chaithawat Tulathon

On Saturday, Chaithawat Tulathon, 44 – who was previously the party's secretary general – was elected MFP leader.

"This is a temporary restructure. For legal reasons Pita Limjaroenrat can not perform the duty of opposition leader and be an MP in parliament at the moment," Mr. Chaithawat told reporters.

"I am willing to step down once Pita resumes the position as an MP."

Mr. Chaithawat studied environmental engineering at university and has been involved in Thailand's progressive political movement for more than five years, co-founding MFP's predecessor party.

Mr. Pita will take on a chief adviser role for the party and vowed to travel the nation and meet with international stakeholders until he can resume as an MP in parliament.

"I ask everyone who believed in Move Forward, continue believing in us," he told reporters.

Mr. Pita was suspended in July while waiting for the Constitutional Court's ruling over his alleged ownership of shares in a now-defunct media company.

MPs are prohibited from owning media shares, under the Thai constitution.

The 43-year-old faced a barrage of political and legal challenges since the MFP's shock success in the May election.

He dropped out of the premiership race after his first bid faltered at the hands of the junta-appointed Senate, and his second chance was denied by parliamentarians.

Karabakh rebels hand in arms and negotiate withdrawal

Agence France-Presse
KORNIDZOR

Nagorno-Karabakh separatists were negotiating the end of their long struggle against Azerbaijani rule on Saturday, surrendering their weapons after a lightning government offensive.

If the ceasefire holds it will mark the end of a conflict between Caucasus rivals Armenia and Azerbaijan that has raged, off and on, through the three decades since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

On Friday, Moscow confirmed that the rebels had surrendered their first weapons and the process is expected to continue through the weekend, with the help of Russian peacekeepers.

Germany meanwhile called for the rights of the residents of the mountainous region to be guaranteed, as concern grew in the international community over the plight of the mainly Armenian-speaking civilians there.

U.S. delegation

A U.S. congressional delegation was expected to meet Armenian leader Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan to, in the words of the U.S. embassy, discuss "the impact of Azerbaijan's recent military actions on the Armenian population of Nagorno-Karabakh".

The years of fighting in Nagorno-Karabakh have been marked by abuses on both sides and there are fears of a new refugee crisis.

Swiss bishops eye new tribunal after sexual abuse charges

Agence France-Presse
GENEVA

Following shocking sexual abuse revelations within Switzerland's Catholic Church, the Catholic dioceses' coordinating body said on Saturday it planned to create a tribunal to discipline clergy members who break ecclesiastic law.

The Bishops' Conference of Switzerland said it was "devastated" after a study identified almost a thousand victims and efforts to cover up abuse.

In a statement, it said it had determined concrete measures to strengthen safeguards and help ensure victims are heard.

"Swiss criminal laws will of course continue to prevail and criminal prosecutorial authorities will always be solicited for any cases of abuse or other infractions committed in the ecclesiastic setting," it stressed.

The new tribunal will handle sanctions needed against members of the clergy who violate ecclesiastic law

The new tribunal, it said, would instead handle sanctions needed against members of the clergy who violate ecclesiastic law.

The statement comes after results were released from a year-long inquiry by researchers at the University of Zurich, identifying 921 victims of sexual abuse within the Church since 1950.

Army won't tamper with Pak. election results: PM

Associated Press
UNITED NATIONS

Pakistan's interim Prime Minister said he expects parliamentary elections to take place in the new year, dismissing the possibility that the country's military would manipulate the results to ensure that jailed former premier Imran Khan's party doesn't win.

95 million Pakistanis under poverty, says World Bank

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

Poverty in Pakistan shot up to 39.4% as of last fiscal year, with 12.5 million more people falling into the trap due to poor economic conditions, the World Bank has said, as it urged the cash-strapped country to take urgent steps to achieve financial stability.

The Washington-based lender on Friday unveiled draft policy notes that it prepared with the help of all stakeholders for Pakistan's next government ahead of the new election cycle, *The Express Tribune* newspaper reported.

Poverty in Pakistan rose within one year from 34.2% to 39.4%, with 12.5 million more people falling below the poverty line of the $3.65 per day income level, according to the World Bank. About 95 million Pakistanis now live in poverty, it said.

Suggested fix

The global lender urged Pakistan to take urgent steps to tax its 'sacred cows' – agriculture and real estate – and cut wasteful expenditures in an effort to achieve economic stability through steep fiscal adjustment of over 7% of the economy.

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E-Tender ID: 2023_KSEB_598969_1, **PAC -** Rs.3,44,91,365,
Last date: 26.09.2023, 03.00 pm
Office of the Chief Engineer, Consultancy Wing, Vydyuthi Bhavanam,Thiruvananthapuram
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Last date:17.10.2023, 03.00 pm
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1	Design and Construction of multilevel car parking with the provision for bus parking in ground floor including civil, electrical, mechanical, automation, instrumentation, internal and external utilities, etc. complete and trail run period for 3 months and Operation & Maintenance for 7 years in the 2.35 acres land belonging to Coimbatore Corporation at Semmozhi Poonga, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India to accommodate 500 cars	05.10.2023 at 11.00 A.M. (As per the Server Clock)	11.10.2023 at 3.00 P.M. (As per the Server Clock)	12.10.2023 at 4.00P.M. (As per the Server Clock)

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Neural circuitry of mouse mothers to pups' calls deciphered

The Hindu Bureau

The neural circuitry underlying the responses of mouse mothers to calls from their pups has now been studied by researchers. The results were published in *Nature*. This mechanism may be important for sustaining mouse maternal care, the authors suggest. The hormone oxytocin is known to be important for maternal physiology and behaviour; for example, it has roles in childbirth and in milk ejection during nursing. In humans, baby cries are a powerful signal of infant distress, and most nursing mothers respond to cries with oxytocin release, increased hypothalamic activity, comforting behaviours towards the infant and occasional milk ejection. The neural circuitry that routes auditory information about infant distress calls to oxytocin neurons is unclear. Robert Froemke from the New York University School of Medicine, New York, and colleagues recorded the neural activity of oxytocin neurons in maternal mice whilst their pups were calling. They found that these neurons responded via input from a region of the brain called the posterior intralaminar thalamus. This circuit was found to control oxytocin release and pup retrieval, providing a mechanism for the integration of sensory cues from the offspring into maternal hormone networks to promote efficient parenting.

"We found that oxytocin neurons responded to pup vocalisations, but not to pure tones, through input from the posterior intralaminar thalamus, and that repetitive thalamic stimulation induced lasting disinhibition of oxytocin neurons," they write. The findings help us to understand how sensory cues from offspring are processed by neural circuits to activate the release of neuromodulators such as oxytocin, which alter maternal behaviour.

Draft patent amendment rules undermine pre-grant opposition

The Patents Act explicitly permits anyone to file a pre-grant opposition; but as per the draft patent amendment rules, the maintainability of persons or civil society organisations filing pre-grant oppositions will be decided by the controller

R. Prasad

The draft patent amendment rules made public on August 23 this year could hugely benefit big pharma but turn out to be disastrous for patients in India and in countries in the global South, which rely on generic drugs manufactured in India, in accessing affordable drugs and vaccines. The draft rules released by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade for stakeholder comments have made a few significant changes that will create needless hurdles in pre-grant opposition of patents. The most important change is about granting the controller the power to determine the maintainability of representation by individuals or civil society organisations to file pre-grant oppositions.

"Pre-grant opposition is an important public health safeguard against patent evergreening and unmerited monopolies. It is one sure way to ensure that quality-assured and affordable generics remain accessible," says Leena Menghaney, India Head and Global IP Advisor, Medecins Sans Frontieres - Access Campaign. But the amendment in the draft patent rules threatens the safeguard against extending the duration of patent protection on completely frivolous grounds. Big pharma has lobbied for years to remove essential safeguards from India's patent laws. "The purpose of the draft amendment rules to pre-grant opposition is to knock out people whom they don't want [to challenge the granting of patents]. This is wrong. How will the controller decide the maintainability and on what basis? There is no guiding factor. This will create more problems," Anand Grover, senior advocate at the Supreme Court told *The Hindu;* Mr. Grover had represented the petitioners in the Bedaquiline pre-grant opposition. "Today there is no problem. Anyone can file a pre-grant opposition and the controller has to adjudicate on merit." Mr. Grover further added: "The [government] is favouring the companies, and pharma companies don't want pre-grant opposition. But since they can't do away with that, they are making the process difficult. They are introducing the maintainability criterion but there should be a rational basis. If the pre-grant opposition has grounds of pre-grant, then how is it not maintainable? The controller will decide on an arbitrary basis [about maintainability], which is wrong."

The draft rules on who is eligible to file a pre-grant opposition comes at a time when on September 13 this year Nandita Venkatesh from India and Phumeza Tisile from South Africa were listed in the *Time* magazine's 100 emerging leaders globally who are defining the next generation of leadership. The reason for being chosen in the select club: their stellar role in successfully thwarting Johnson & Johnson's attempt to extend the patent protection for its oral drug Bedaquiline through evergreening. Bedaquiline is a very important drug for treating multidrug-resistant TB. Both Nandita and Phumeza are TB survivors who lost their hearing due to the use of the highly toxic Kanamycin injection to treat MDR-TB. They both filed the pre-grant opposition along with Network of Maharashtra people living with HIV (NMP+). The duo was supported by Médecins Sans Frontières.

In March this year, the Indian Patent Office struck down J&J's evergreening attempts by ruling that making a derivative of quinoline in its salt form (fumarate) was obvious and did not involve any inventive step, and is therefore non-patentable. Currently, the Patents Act explicitly permits "any person" to file a pre-grant opposition without the discretion of the Controller. But as per the draft patent amendment rules, the maintainability of the petitioners who file a pre-grant opposition will not be automatic but will be determined by the Controller. While "any person" can currently file a pre-grant opposition, only interested persons can file a petition when it comes to opposing patents that have already been granted. "Bringing in maintainability of representation in pre-grant opposition will face the same fate as big pharma can always contest the Controller's decision regarding maintainability of petitioners," says Ms. Menghaney.

"Bringing in maintainability of representation in the pre-grant opposition will be the first major amendment to the Indian Patent Act. The provision of pre-grant opposition in the India Patent Act is unique in the world, the reason why big pharma has been opposed to it as they want continued control over the market and charge high prices for their products. Any weakening of the provision will be disastrous for patients as they will not be able to afford the high price of medicines and the generic drug industry will be affected too," says Dr Biswajit Dhar, Vice President, Council for Social Development.

There have been innumerable instances when pre-grant opposition filed by patient groups and civil society organisations have resulted in the rejection of patent protection extension sought by big pharma based on frivolous claims of "novel invention". For instance, in May 2006, in the case of Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (TDF), a first line antiretroviral used for treatment of people living with HIV, the pre-grant opposition was filed against Sahara by the Indian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS and the Delhi Network of Positive People. The pre-grant opposition was based on the ground that the drug consists of a previously known compound. In another instance, Boehringer Ingelheim's patent application for its paediatric form of the anti-AIDS drug Nevirapine was rejected in 2008 based on a pre-grant opposition filed by socio-legal group Lawyers Collective on behalf of patients' groups in May 2006. Other high-profile attempts at evergreening that failed due to pre-grant opposition filed by patients' groups and civil society organisations include Glivec (imatinib mesylate), Zidovudine/Lamivudine (first line HIV medicines) and Lopinavir/Ritonavir (second line HIV medicines).

Body blow to pre-grant opposition

The draft patent amendment rules give the controller the power to determine the maintainability of representation of those filing pre-grant oppositions

Worrying: The draft amendment rules create needless hurdles. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

- Currently, the Patents Act explicitly permits "any person" to file a pre-grant opposition without the discretion of the Controller. But as per the draft rules, the Controller will decide maintainability
- Big pharma had questioned the maintainability of petitioners opposing patents, leading to delays. The same can happen with pre-grant opposition
- The present amendments present the most significant challenge to the Indian Patent System since 2005
- Pharma companies are averse to pre-grant opposition. The draft patent amendment rules help them by making the process difficult
- There are innumerable instances when patient groups and civil society organisations have filed pre-grant opposition, leading to rejection of patent extension
- The latest pre-grant opposition ruling that was not in favour of a pharma company is the Bedaquiline drug for MDR-TB patients

Richness of human milk

SPEAKING OF SCIENCE

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"Human breast milk is not only a perfectly adapted nutritional supply for the infant, but probably the most specific personalised medicine that he/she is likely to receive, given at a time when gene expression being fine-tuned for life" write Cesar Victora and others in *The Lancet* breastfeeding series group 2016.

A new finding about the carefully tailored richness of human milk has shed light on the importance of myo-inositol, a cyclic sugar alcohol. The levels of myo-inositol are high over the first two weeks of lactation and gradually taper off over a period of a few months. In the early stages, the brain of the newborn is a site of rapid 'wiring', as synapses (or connections between nerve cells) are formed in profusion. Proper synapse formation during early development lays the foundation for cognitive development; inadequate synapse formation leads to development difficulties in the brain.

The group of Thomas Biederer at Yale (PNAS) also matched their findings on myo-inositol induced synapse abundance in cultured rat neurons in test tubes. Here too, myo-inositol promoted the formation of synapses between neurons.

Myo-inositol is a cyclic sugar-alcohol, about half as sweet as sugar. It is abundant in the brain, where it mediates the response to several hormones. Our body needs inositol to form cell membranes. Our body makes myo-inositol from glucose, mostly in the kidneys. However, our body's requirements go up along with the intake of coffee and sugar, and in conditions such as diabetes. The bran of grains and seeds contains a precursor of inositol, phytic acid. Almonds, peas and cantaloupes are also rich sources. In animal models of diabetes, adding myo-inositol back to the diet of inositol-deprived mice helps prevent cataract formation and other complications associated with diabetes. Other constituents of human milk have unique nutritive values too. Dr Shay Phillips and colleagues of the Mead Johnson Paediatric Nutrition Institute, Mexico, have analysed many factors that impact human milk composition. They point out that an essential nutrient, an Omega-3 fatty acid called dicosahexaenoic acid (or DHA), varies depending on the food the pregnant mother has been eating. The DHA levels vary in the lactating mother's milk across nations – 2.8% in mainland China, 1% in Japan, around 0.4-0.2% in Europe and the U.S., and only 0.1% or so in several developing countries.

Tailored: The levels of cyclic sugar alcohol in breast milk is high during first two weeks of lactation. GETTY IMAGES

Necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC) is a severe gastrointestinal condition that impacts premature or extremely low birth weight infants. Symptoms include inadequate feeding, abdominal bloating, multiorgan failure, and can be fatal. Risk factors consist of bottle-feeding, prematurity, and low birth weight (1.5 kg or less).

The condition arises from a combination of compromised blood flow and intestinal infection. The NEC can be prevented by the utilisation of breast milk and probiotics. Nearly 10% of premature babies develop NEC, with a quarter of affected infants succumbing to the disease. The intestines of premature babies do not produce enough IL-22, which is involved in protecting us from microbial infections.

(The article was written in collaboration with Sushil Chandani, who works in molecular modelling.)

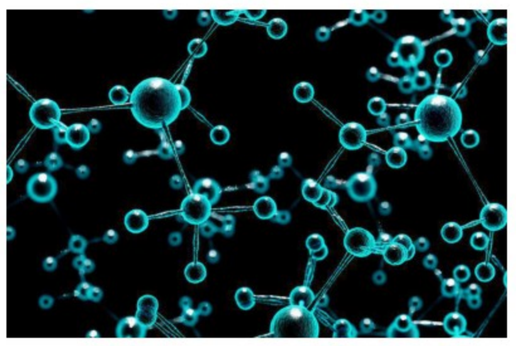
SNAPSHOTS

Origin of carbon dioxide on Europa's surface found

A pair of independent studies, using recent James Webb Space Telescope observations of carbon dioxide ice on Jupiter's moon Europa, indicate the carbon dioxide originates from a source within the icy body's subsurface ocean. The findings from both research groups provide new insights into the poorly known composition of Europa's internal ocean. The results in the two studies complement each other and reinforce the conclusion that Europa's subsurface ocean contains abundant carbon.

A calcium channel enhances cancer cell growth in mice

In preclinical experiments, researchers have established a connection between a calcium channel and the growth of oral cancer cells, as well as the debilitating chronic pain that tumours formed by the cells can cause. ORAI1 is a calcium release-activated channel, and the researchers found that it triggered the expression of genes that encode markers of oral cancer and indirectly raised the excitability of groups of neurons involved in oral pain. The data opens the door for therapeutic treatment of oral cancers.



DNA nanoball strategy, a low-cost technology

A new platform using nucleic acids-based diagnostics showcases a way to detect pathogens more quickly in the field. Through loop-mediated isothermal amplification technology, the approach creates nanoballs out of pathogens' DNA that can then be identified through electrical signalling. The design does not need laboratory techniques to support diagnosis. It is a low-cost technology that can be widely deployed and scalable.

Question Corner

Reversible

Is it possible in mice to restore walking after paralysis from spinal cord injury?

Researchers have uncovered a crucial component for restoring functional activity after spinal cord injury. The neuroscientists have shown that re-growing specific neurons back to their natural target regions led to recovery, while random regrowth was not effective (*Science*). They aimed to determine whether directing the regeneration of axons from specific neuronal subpopulations to their natural target regions could lead to meaningful functional restoration after spinal cord injury in mice. As per a release, the researchers found that merely regenerating axons from these nerve cells across the spinal cord lesion without specific guidance had no impact on functional recovery. When the strategy was refined to include using chemical signals to attract and guide the regeneration of these axons to their natural target region in the lumbar spinal cord, significant improvements in walking ability were observed in a mouse model of complete spinal cord injury.

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FAQ

What are the reasons for rise in global debt?

Why are emerging market economies such as China, India and Brazil also seeing a growth in debt?

Prashanth Perumal

The story so far:

Global debt rose to an all-time high of $307 trillion in the second quarter, by the end of June 2023, the Institute of International Finance (IIF) said in a report released last week. Quite notably, global debt has risen by about $100 trillion over the last decade. Further, global debt as a share of gross domestic product (GDP) has started to increase once again to hit 336% after dropping quite steeply for seven consecutive quarters.

What is global debt?

Global debt refers to the borrowings of governments as well as private businesses and individuals. Governments borrow to meet various expenditures that they are unable to meet through tax and other revenues. Governments may also borrow to pay interest on the money that they have already borrowed to fund past expenditures. The private sector borrows predominantly to make investments.

Why is it rising?

Both global debt in nominal terms and global debt as a share of GDP have been rising steadily over the decades. The rise came to a halt during the pandemic as economic activity turned sluggish and lending slowed down. But global debt levels, it seems, have started to rise again in the last few quarters. Most (over 80%) of the rise in global debt in the first half of the year has come from advanced economies such as the U.S., the U.K., Japan, and France. Among emerging market economies, China, India and Brazil have seen the most growth in debt. During the first half of 2023, total global debt rose by $10 trillion. This has happened amid rising interest rates, which was expected to adversely affect demand for loans. But a rise in debt levels over time is to be expected since the total money supply usually steadily rises each year in countries across the globe. In other words, the rise in global debt levels witnessed during the first half of the year is nothing out of the ordinary and does not per se have to mean trouble for the global economy. In fact, even a simple rise in the total amount of savings in an economy can cause a rise in debt levels as these increased savings are channelled into investments.

> In its report, the Institute of International Finance has warned that the international financial infrastructure is not equipped to handle unsustainable domestic debt levels

What is more interesting than rising debt levels is the drop in global debt as a share of GDP over seven consecutive quarters prior to 2023. The IIF attributes the decline in global debt as a share of GDP to the rise in price inflation, which it claims has helped governments to inflate away the debts denominated in their local currencies. Inflating away of debt refers to the phenomenon wherein the central bank of a country either directly or indirectly uses freshly created currency to effectively pay off outstanding government debt by, for example, purchasing government bonds in the market. But the creation of fresh money causes prices to rise, thus imposing an indirect tax on the wider economy to pay the government's debt.

Is it a cause for worry?

Rising global debt levels usually leads to concerns about the sustainability of such debt. This is particularly so in the case of government debt which is prone to rise rapidly due to reckless borrowing by politicians to fund populist programmes. And when central banks raise interest rates, servicing outstanding debt becomes a challenge for governments with a heavy debt burden.

It should be noted that despite rising debt levels over the last decade, the interest that governments had to pay lenders largely remained manageable due to extremely low interest rates, particularly in western economies. This is set to change now as central banks have let interest rates rise in order to fight high price inflation since the pandemic. Rising interest rates can increase pressure on governments and force them to either default outright or inflate away their debt. Many analysts, in fact, believe that several governments will never be able to pay their debt in full and that inflating away debt is the only way for such governments to avoid an outright default on their debt. In its report, the IIF has also warned that the international financial infrastructure is not equipped to handle unsustainable domestic debt levels. Generally, rapidly rising private debt levels also lead to worries among analysts about their sustainability. This is because such a rise is linked to unsustainable booms that end in economic crises when such lending is not backed by genuine savings.

The most recent example of the same was the 2008 global financial crisis. The crisis was immediately preceded by an economic boom fuelled by the U.S. Federal Reserve's easy credit policy.

Why have India, Canada tensions worsened?

What are the allegations levelled against India? Why does India accuse Canada of providing safe havens to pro-Khalistan extremists? How have other countries reacted? Why have visa services been suspended? What is the status of the Free Trade Agreement?

Suhasini Haidar

The story so far:

Hours before parliamentarians in India were getting ready for a special session in the new Parliament building in Delhi on Tuesday, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau stood up in the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa to make a startling announcement. He alleged that agents of the Indian government were involved in the killing of a Canadian national, Hardeep Singh Nijjar, declared a terrorist as the head of the Khalistani Tiger Force (KTF) in India. Nijjar, 45, was shot dead by two masked gunmen as he left a gurdwara in Surrey in June this year. Despite the Canadian Prime Minister admitting that the investigation was still being pursued, his government had already decided to expel a diplomat from the Indian High Commission.

How did India react?

The allegations came a week after Mr. Trudeau was in India for the G-20 summit, and a stormy bilateral "pull-aside" meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. After the meeting both sides issued readouts pointing fingers at each other for "foreign interference in Canada's affairs" and "providing safe havens to anti-India extremists" respectively, but neither had revealed at the time that Nijjar's killing had been discussed. In addition, it emerged that Canadian National Security Adviser (NSA) Jody Thomas had travelled to India twice in the past month, to discuss the case with India's NSA Ajit Doval, although the government repeatedly said that no "specific evidence" had been provided by Canada. However, reports in the U.S media have suggested that Canada shared evidence with partners in the "Five Eyes" intelligence alliance comprising the U.S., the U.K., Canada, Australia and New Zealand prior to the G-20 summit, and that some of their leaders had discussed the issue with Mr. Modi.

> India's decision to suspend visas to Canadians could see reciprocal action or delays by Canada

After Mr. Trudeau spoke in Parliament, India responded in kind, and expelled a Canadian diplomat. The Canadian High Commissioner to India, Cameron McKay, was issued a demarche over the allegations, and told to downsize the mission strength of diplomats, some of whom, the Ministry of External (MEA) Affairs said, were interfering in India's domestic matters. The MEA categorically denied Mr. Trudeau's allegations, calling them "absurd", but pointed out that not just Nijjar, many people wanted for Khalistani separatist violence in India received "safe haven" in Canada, despite a number of representations by India for their extradition. India has also suspended visa services across Canada, and will not accept applications from Canadians at any other mission worldwide, the MEA said, citing security concerns.

What's the evidence on the Nijjar killing?

Mr. Trudeau is yet to release any specific evidence tying India to the killing, which if proven would constitute a violation of "Canadian sovereignty" and "international rule of law". Canadian government sources were quoted by Canada's public television CBC as saying that there was both SIGINT (Signal Intelligence) and HUMINT (Human Intelligence) inputs that included communications between diplomats within the Indian High Commission pointing to the Nijjar killing. If so, this would also mean that Canadian security agencies had surveillance operations targeting the Indian mission, a violation of diplomatic protocol.

How did the 'Five Eyes' Alliance respond?

Each of the Five Eyes countries, a grouping that came together in the post-Second World war era, have issued statements expressing concern over Canada's allegations and called on India to cooperate with the investigation. The U.S. Secretary of State, Anthony Blinken, Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong, British Foreign Secretary James Cleverly and New Zealand Foreign Minister Nanaia Mahuta have all made statements, yet none so far has gone further in backing the evidence Canada claims it has. Their reactions were also in sharp contrast to the "Skripal case" in the U.K., where the British government accused Russian agents of poisoning a former Russian operative and his daughter. Within days, each of the Five Eyes countries had expelled several Russian diplomats from their capitals, and the contrast in action now indicates a desire not to upset New Delhi as they deepen their strategic partnership with India.

However, U.S. NSA Jake Sullivan said the U.S. would not give India any "special exemption" if Mr. Trudeau's allegations were proven. While Indian officials deny the allegation of an assassination, several former Indian diplomats have pointed to a "western double standard", where the U.S.'s killing of designated terrorists in drone strikes or operations, including the killing of Iranian General Soleimani in Iraq or al-Qaeda chief Osama Bin Laden in Pakistan, is proudly proclaimed, but a similar operation allegedly carried out by India faces such scrutiny.

What is at the root of India-Canada tensions?

Tensions between India and Canada over the Khalistan issue have always run high, and are the primary reason why no Indian Prime Minister made a bilateral visit to Canada between 1973 and 2015, barring Manmohan Singh who visited Toronto in 2010 for the G-20 summit held there. This was because from the late '70s onwards, the rise of the Khalistani separatist movement in Punjab was accompanied by an increase in support for the movement from a part of the Sikh diaspora, particularly in countries like Canada, the U.S. and the U.K. While India engaged every country with its concerns, Canada proved the most difficult, as the Canadian government and politicians took the stand that many in the diaspora were fleeing human rights violations by Indian security forces in Punjab. For example, when India requested the extradition of Khalistani leader Talvinder Singh Parmar in 1982, Canada rejected it. A few years later, Parmar masterminded the bombing of the Air India flight 182 from Toronto to Mumbai in June 1985, in which 329 were killed.

What lies ahead?

Even though Mr. Modi attempted a reset in ties with his visit to Canada in 2015, relations have been rocky. Mr. Trudeau's 'return' visit to India in 2018 was dogged by controversies, including the appearance of a Khalistan supporter at his dinner reception. New Delhi froze engagements with Ottawa after Mr. Trudeau criticised Mr. Modi's handling of the farmers' protests in India in 2020, and they only restarted after a Modi-Trudeau meeting on the sidelines of the G-7 summit in Germany in 2022, following which the two sides began to negotiate a Free Trade Agreement (FTA). After the Nijjar killing, Canada cancelled a trade delegation visit to Delhi, and put FTA talks on pause. Between them India and Canada issued half a million visas to each other's citizens last year; Canada accepted 2,26,000 Indian students, and the Indian diaspora in Canada today stands at 1.4 million. India's decision to suspend visas to Canadians could see reciprocal action by Canada that would affect hundreds of thousands awaiting their visas.

Fragile ties: Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in a meeting with PM Narendra Modi during the G-20 Summit in New Delhi on September 10. AP

What will hold up women's reservation Bill?

Why will the implementation be delayed by several years? When will the Census and delimitation exercise take place? Is there a timeline? Why are some parties demanding a sub-quota for women from Other Backward Classes?

Radhika Santhanam

The story so far:

In a historic move, Parliament passed the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty Eighth Amendment) Bill, commonly referred to as the women's reservation Bill, which provides 33% reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies. On September 21, the Bill secured all the votes in the Rajya Sabha, a day after securing near-unanimous support in the Lok Sabha. It will now require the President's assent to become law.

What does the Bill say?

The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, as the Bill is called, seeks to reserve one-third of all seats for women in the Lok Sabha, the State Legislative Assemblies, and the National Capital Territory of Delhi. This will also apply to seats reserved for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the Lok Sabha and the State Legislative Assemblies. The seats reserved for women will be rotated after each delimitation exercise.

What are the main issues regarding the Bill?

The Opposition has questioned the linking of the implementation of women's reservation with the periodical delimitation exercise as this would mean a prolonged delay in the quota coming into force. Delimitation, or the readjustment of territorial limits of the Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies, as well as the number of seats in the Assembly and the Lok Sabha in each State, is a periodical exercise done based on the figures available in the latest Census.

> Linking women's reservation to delimitation will mean a prolonged delay in the quota coming into force

The last delimitation order of the Delimitation Commission was issued in 2008, fixing the boundaries of all constituencies. However, there is currently a freeze on the readjustment of the number of seats in the State Assemblies and the Lok Sabha. In 2002, Article 82 was amended to the effect that it shall not be necessary to readjust the allocation of Lok Sabha constituencies State-wise and the division of each State into constituencies until the figures of the first Census held after 2026 were available.

The main issue raised was whether this would mean that the women's quota would not be implemented until the 2031 Census figures are available and delimitation is subsequently done. The decadal Census due in 2021, but delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, is yet to be conducted. However, Home Minister Amit Shah informed Parliament that the Census and delimitation exercise would be done immediately after the general election (due in 2024). This means that women's reservation will not be possible for a few years at least.

Another issue raised by the Opposition concerns the question of having a sub-quota for women from Other Backward Classes (OBCs). While there is reservation for SCs and STs in the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies, there is no separate reservation for OBCs, who constitute more than 40% of the population. Two members in the Lok Sabha – Asaduddin Owaisi and Syed Imtiyaz Jaleel of the AIMIM – opposed the Bill on the ground that it should have separate quotas for OBC and Muslim women as both communities are under-represented in Parliament and Legislative Assemblies.

What laid the ground for the Bill?

It was the enactment of the 73rd and 74th amendments to the Constitution in 1993 which laid the ground for the women's reservation Bill. The two amendments, which introduced panchayats and urban local bodies in the Constitution, mandate one-third reservation for women in these bodies. In 2006, Bihar became the first State to provide 50% reservation for women in panchayat bodies. At present, more than 20 States have 50% reservation for women at the panchayat level.

There have been several studies on how reservation has led to greater representation of women in political bodies and also influenced policymaking. In a 2001 paper, Raghabendra Chattopadhyay and Esther Duflo studied the impact of women's leadership on policy decisions in West Bengal and found that "women invest more in infrastructure that is directly relevant to the needs of rural women (water, fuel, and roads)..." and that "women are more likely to participate in the policy-making process if the leader of their village council is a woman." In the book *And Who Will Make Chapatis?*, Bisakha Datta, Meenakshi Shedde, Sonali Sathaye and Sharmila Joshi published their findings on all-women panchayats in Maharashtra, where they too found that women leaders gave priority to women's problems.

Was this the first attempt to pass the Bill?

There were several attempts made to bring about reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies. The 81st Constitution Amendment Bill was first introduced in the Lok Sabha in 1996 by the Deve Gowda-led United Front government. It was referred to a Joint Committee which gave certain recommendations. The Bill failed to get the approval of the House in 1997 and lapsed later with the dissolution of the Lok Sabha. In 1998, the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led National Democratic Alliance government introduced the Bill, but it lapsed after the government fell in 1999. The Bill was reintroduced in 1999, 2000, 2002 and 2003, but failed to get passed. In 2010, the Manmohan Singh-led United Progressive Alliance government tabled the Bill in the Rajya Sabha. However, the Bill was never taken up for consideration in the Lok Sabha and lapsed with the dissolution of the 15th Lok Sabha.

At present, there are 82 women in the Lok Sabha; after implementation, there should be at least 181 women. The share of women will also increase significantly in Legislative Assemblies, where women now comprise less than 10% in 20 States and Union Territories.

At long last: Bihar BJP Mahila Morcha members celebrate the passing of the Women's Reservation Bill in Patna on September 22. ANI

Exit of the patriarch

Rupert Murdoch

The 92-year-old media baron has announced that he will hand the reins of his empire to his son Lachlan Murdoch and take the role as Chairman Emeritus of his companies, News Corp and Fox Corp

Sudipta Datta

The old fox of news, and one of the world's most influential – and controversial – media barons, who mastered the art of survival in a seven-decade run, is hanging up his boots. Rupert Murdoch, a ruthless newspaper man, has always done things his way, betting on profit, most often by tapping into the fears, insecurities and prejudices of his worldwide audience.

The announcement on Thursday led to a surge in shares of both Fox Corporation, the parent company of Fox News, America's most-watched TV news channel, and News Corp, which owns newspapers including *The Times* (London) and the *Wall Street Journal*. The Murdoch empire also owns publishing house HarperCollins and Sky News, a cable-TV news channel.

Mr. Murdoch has said he will continue to engage with his companies as he takes on the role of Chairman Emeritus at both firms in November. In a memo to employees, the 92-year-old, whose family fortune is said to be worth $19 billion, wrote: "...the time is right for me to take on different roles. Our companies are in robust health, as am I. Our opportunities far exceed our commercial challenges. We have every reason to be optimistic about the coming years – I certainly am, and plan to be here to participate in them."

Mr. Murdoch's son, Lachlan, takes over at a commercially challenging time for Fox News, a votary of conservative, right-wing politics, in a pre-American election year. Dominion Voting Systems had sued Fox News Networks and its parent company Fox Corp for having peddled lies about the 2020 presidential election, which Donald Trump lost but refused to accept.

This April, Fox handed out a $787 million payout to Dominion. At a time when traditional news outlets are struggling, the settlement with Dominion is not insignificant, even though, according to Pew Research Center data, Fox News saw a 5% increase in revenue in 2022 at $3.3 billion, from $3.1 billion in 2021.

The Murdoch news empire has had its share of controversies and scandals. As Mr. Murdoch built his empire, he went on an acquiring spree, buying newspapers right, left and centre, bringing in a culture of tabloid journalism and conservative reporting, and growing his companies into behemoths on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean, and also hometurf Australia. Spreading his reach to films, he also bought 20th Century Fox, which he later sold to Disney for over $71 billion.

One acquisition, particularly, blew up spectacularly in his face in 2011 after a phone hacking inquiry showed that *News of the World*, then the U.K.'s largest selling Sunday newspaper, had illegally accessed voicemails of hundreds of people, including a murdered girl student. When *The Guardian* reported this, the entire Murdoch U.K. newspaper ecosystem was mobilised to "call the truth fake, and to promote fake news as the truth", Alan Rusbridger, then editor-in-chief of *The Guardian*, wrote in his book, *Breaking News*.

Mr. Murdoch controlled the damage by abruptly shutting down an over 100-year-old newspaper, albeit one which had begun to live dangerously, tilting towards sex and other salacious scoops. Its sister newspaper, the *Sun*, still owned by News Corp, has spent substantial amounts in settling lawsuits brought forward by targeted celebrities, caught in not-so-convenient moments.

Origins

The Australia-born Rupert Murdoch inherited his father's business and strode into media in the 1950s. He was 21 years old and studying at Oxford when he got to run *The News of Adelaide* with a princely circulation of 75,000. Ambitious and impatient for expansion, in the late 1960s, he bought the U.K. newspapers, *News of the World* and the *Sun*, and began to control a larger part of the media in Britain with the acquisition of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* in the 1980s.

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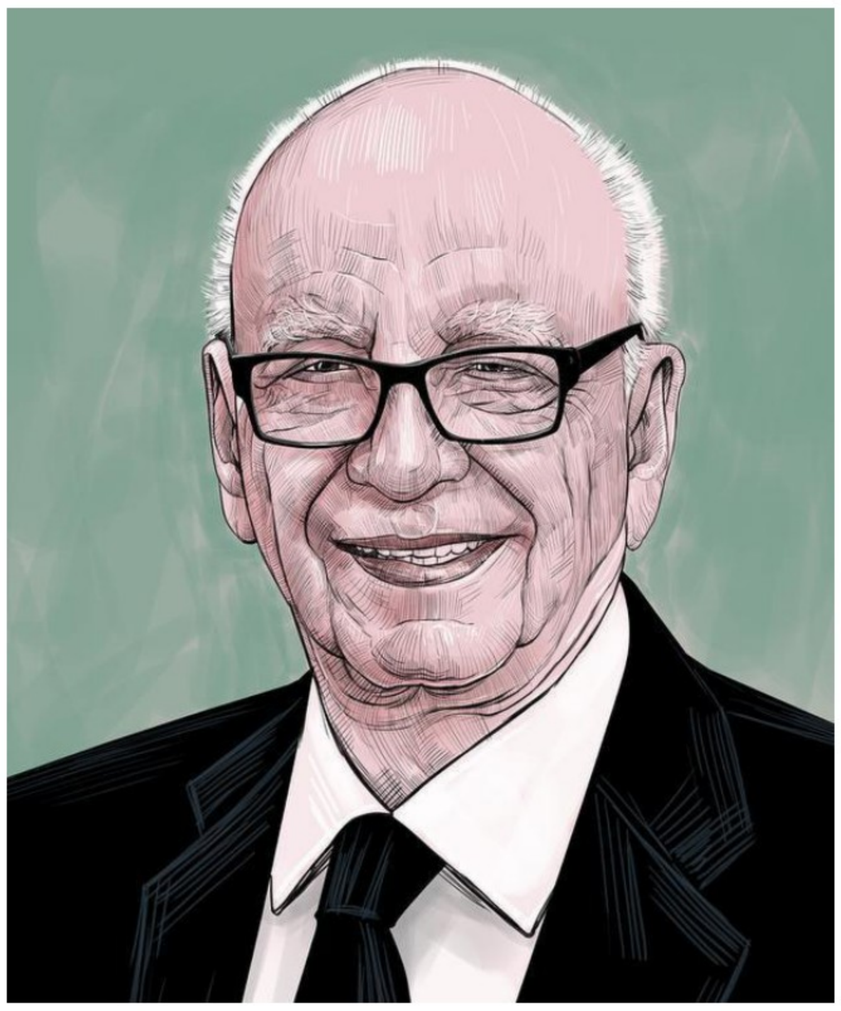

In the meantime, he also ventured into the other side of the Atlantic, to the U.S., in the 1970s, acquiring newspapers and at least one tabloid, the *New York Post*, which he later sold and re-acquired.

In his 1993 book *Paper Tigers*, about the world's private newspaper barons, Nicholas Coleridge provided a glimpse of Mr. Murdoch as a "rapacious" proprietor who stalks the "urban jungle for trophies" to satisfy his hunger for newsprint and prestige. Coleridge found him giving off "a powerful aura of determination and strength, but not, as I had been warned by some parties, of profane menace".

Mr. Murdoch talked about stress – "normal day-to-day stress is excitement" – his walks at half-past four in the morning and reaching office early, and that he gave a couple of hours a day to his newspapers and would ring up and say a headline is no good. "The real test is, do you enjoy picking up the paper and reading it?"

Well, Mr. Murdoch has tried everything and more – hard news, soft news, deep dive into politics, spreading scepticism on climate change and convenient flip-flops on issues – to ensure his newspapers are read or TV channels are watched.

When Donald Trump was down, Mr. Murdoch's news organisations attacked him, with the *Wall Street Journal* writing an editorial that 'Trump is the Republican Party's biggest loser.' Back in Australia, where his empire controls a large part of the media, former Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull reacted to the news by saying the business pages would give Rupert Murdoch credit but that he has done "enormous damage to the democratic world."

Mr. Murdoch once bet big on India. In her book, *The Making of Star India*, Vanita Kohli-Khandekar writes how he blew up $870 million on Star TV post liberalisation in 1993. Mr. Murdoch didn't know how the television industry would expand over the years, but "what he saw and bet on was a large, educated, skilled population just freed from its economic shackles".

Succession

At the recently concluded Edinburgh TV festival, the popular series *Succession*'s creator Jesse Armstrong confirmed that early scripts were inspired by the Murdoch family, as fans had noted. The parallels were hard not to miss – an ageing defiant patriarch, and three children vying for a share of the spoils. Whenever Mr. Murdoch's succession issue came up, three of his children were mentioned – sons Lachlan, 52, and James, 50, and daughter Elisabeth, 55.

All three – Mr. Murdoch has been married four times and has six children – had followed their father into the media business. Mr. James left the News Corp Board in 2020 after "grievances" over editorial content and decisions, as was reported in the media. Ms. Elisabeth held several positions but finally started her own television company which has produced shows like *MasterChef*.

In reality, unlike in the show, Mr. Lachlan, who had once walked away from the company, only to return to the fold to take on high-ranking roles, will take over and head both companies. He is the son of Mr. Murdoch and his seconsd wife, Anna Maria dePeyster. The TV saga may have ended, but the real succession drama may have just begun among the next generations of the Murdoch family.

THE GIST

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Tycoon's political plunge

Terry Gou

The billionaire, who has announced his candidacy for next year's Taiwan presidential election, promises '50 years of peace' between the island and the mainland

Ananth Krishnan

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Terry Gou is hoping to do a Donald Trump. As Taiwan heads to the polls in January 2024 for an election that carries enormous political significance for the island's future amid increasing tensions with China, the 72-year-old billionaire founder of Foxconn, the electronics manufacturing giant, jumped into the fray last month.

Mr. Gou's pitch to Taiwanese voters, in some respects, is not very different from what Mr. Trump put forth in 2016: promising economic competence that, he argues, only he can provide leveraging his considerable business experience. "I am the only entrepreneur with the practical management skills," he declared when announcing his run on August 28. "I am an entrepreneur with nearly five decades of practical experience. Who else is better suited to lead Taiwan's political sphere?"

Taking a shot at President Tsai Ing-wen and the ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), whose candidate Lai Ching-te remains the frontrunner in the polls by some distance, Mr. Gou has blamed the current government for bringing the economy to "the edge of a cliff" and for not handling relations with China better. "I will not allow Taiwan to become the next Ukraine," he said, promising to bring "50 years of peace".

But will Taiwanese voters buy the pitch?

Mr. Gou was born in 1950 in a small town outside Taipei, and his parents, as was the case for many Taiwanese of his generation, had lived in the Chinese mainland before the civil war. His father fought for the Kuomintang (KMT) and fled along with Chiang Kai-shek to Taiwan after their defeat to the Communist Party in 1949.

At the age of 24, he founded the Hon Hai Technology Group, which is today the world's biggest electronics manufacturer and is, of course, more widely known as Foxconn.

In 1988, he opened his first factory on the mainland in Shenzhen. The following decade saw a watershed moment for Foxconn as it bagged a major contract with Compaq. Other orders would follow with companies such as IBM and Apple. Foxconn's stunning rise coincided with China's emergence as a lynchpin in global supply chains, giving Mr. Gou's company a global footprint.

Own appeal

Mr. Gou had for long toyed with a political run, and whether he would finally take the plunge had been a point of debate throughout 2023. His best bet was to secure the backing of the main opposition KMT, but the party ended up choosing the mayor of New Taipei Hou Yu-ih as its candidate for 2024, dealing Mr. Gou's ambitions a major blow. He will now have to run on the back of his own appeal without the considerable political machinery of the KMT.

According to opinion polls released on September 24, the KMT's Mr. Hou and the Taiwan People's Party (TPP) candidate Ko Wen-je are polling at 19% and 23%, respectively, trailing the front-runner, Mr. Lai of the DPP, who is polling at 30%. Mr. Gou remains off the pace by some distance, at around 14%. His immediate challenge is to secure, by early November, the 2,89,000 signatures that are needed for an independent candidate to contest.

If Mr. Gou's message with a focus on economics and repairing cross-strait relations is on one side of the political spectrum, on the other is the DPP's pitch of continuing to advocate for preserving Taiwan's identity on the world's stage and to ensure the current status quo is maintained.

Mr. Lai has strongly warned against Mr. Gou's proposals for a "peace agreement" with Beijing, pointing to the fate of Hong Kong, which, for many in Taiwan, has underlined that a similar "one country, two systems" model would be unworkable and would not guarantee Taiwan's democratic freedoms. Beijing, meanwhile, continues to flex its military might and has in September sent record numbers of aircraft across the median of the Taiwan Strait.

The fate of Mr. Gou's campaign, which faces a tall order but has his deep pockets to turn to in the crucial next three months, will also provide a broader indicator of how Taiwanese view their political future as well as relations with China as the island goes to the polls in January.

Tentacles of Khalistan

Babbar Khalsa International

Hardeep Singh Nijjar, who was shot dead in Canada, was running an outfit that was founded by Jagtar Singh Tara, a former member of BKI and convict in Beant Singh's assassination

Devesh K. Pandey

PHOTO CREDIT: AFP

Yet again, the Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) has made headlines with the National Investigation Agency (NIA) announcing a reward of ₹10 lakh each on designated Pakistan-based terrorists Harwinder Singh Sandhu, alias Rinda, and Lakhbir Singh Sandhu alias Landa, who, along with many other pro-Khalistani elements, have been operating from Canada.

Believed to have been formed in the aftermath of the April 13, 1978 clashes in Amritsar, involving the Akhand Kirtani Jatha and the Nirankaris, two opposing sides, the outfit is headquartered in Pakistan's Lahore and has operated under patronage of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). It is currently headed by 69-year-old Wadhawa Singh, according to Indian security agencies.

The BKI, one of the oldest pro-Khalistan groups, was co-founded by Sukhdev Singh Babbar from Dassuwal (Amritsar) and Talwinder Singh Parmar from Kapurthala, who had migrated to Canada in May 1970. What followed was a series of assassinations, attacks on police forces and bombings at public places.

Over the years, the BKI has spread its network from India and Pakistan to other parts of the world, including Canada, the U.S. and Europe. It has also been operating in close coordination with other banned organisations such as the International Sikh Youth Federation. The outfit has been proscribed in India, Canada, the U.K., the EU, Japan, Malaysia and the U.S.

Plane bombing

On June 23, 1985, the BKI triggered a mid-air explosion aboard Air India 182, killing 329 people, including 268 Canadian, 27 British and 24 Indian citizens. The bomb was planted in Canada. Another plane to take off from Narita International Airport in Japan, Air India 301, was also targeted. However, the bomb exploded before it was planted. Two baggage handlers were killed in the blast.

Wadhwa Singh took over as the BKI chief after Sukhdev Singh Babbar and Talwinder Singh Parmar were killed in police encounters in 1992. Under the leadership of the then Punjab DGP, K.P.S. Gill, most of the pro-Khalistan terrorists were either arrested or eliminated by the police and security forces.

However, the BKI regrouped and on August 31, 1995, executed the assassination of the then Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh through "human bomb" Dilawar Singh at the Chandigarh secretariat. The blast also claimed the lives of 17 others, including three security personnel. In the intervening night of January 21-22, 2004, the BKI's Jagtar Singh Hawara, Jagtar Singh Tara and Paramjit Singh Bheora, three main accused in the Beant Singh assassination case, escaped from Chandigarh's high-security Burail jail along with a murder convict after digging a 94-foot tunnel. Hawara and Bheora were arrested within two years, but Tara remained at large.

Tara (in picture) eventually parted ways with the BKI owing to certain differences with Wadhawa Singh and floated another outfit named Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF). However, security agencies have reasons to believe that he continued to enjoy the ISI's support. In January 2015, he was tracked down to Chonburi in Pattaya, Thailand, detained and brought back to India. Following his re-arrest, Hardeep Singh Nijjar, who was shot dead by unidentified assailants on the parking lot of a gurdwara in Canada's Surrey on June 18, had taken over as the KTF chief.

As per the Ministry of Home Affairs' notification under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in July 2020, the BKI under the patronage of Wadhwa Singh has been involved in various terrorist attacks, including the Air India Flight 182 bombing; Beant Singh assassination; and Burail jail break.

The NIA has been probing multiple cases involving the BKI and its members. In March, it had filed a supplementary chargesheet against three alleged aides of the outfit's Harwinder Singh Sandhu, who has been sending consignments of arms, ammunition and explosives from across Pakistan via drones. Wadhawa Singh, who is a designated "individual terrorist", faces eight cases in India.

His son Jitender Vir Singh and son-in-law Satnam Singh have been operating from Germany.

INBRIEF

I-T dept. asks taxpayers to respond to past tax demands

The I-T department on Saturday asked taxpayers to respond to its intimation regarding outstanding demands of previous years to facilitate faster clearance of refunds for 2022-23. With some taxpayers taking to social media about intimation regarding past unsettled tax demands, the department, in a post on 'X' said, this was a taxpayer-friendly measure where an opportunity was being provided to assessees in line with "principles of natural justice". PTI

TRAI recommends measures to boost infra in the Northeast

TRAI has issued recommendations for bolstering telecom infrastructure in Northeast, suggesting parleys with State governments to harmonise their respective 'right of way' policies with related Central rules. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India noted that there was still a lack of high-speed mobile-based Internet and fixed broadband connectivity, mainly due to the inadequate transmission bandwidth (optical fibre, microwave and satellite) in NE States. PTI

'India needs to grow at 8% for transformational changes'

India has the potential and should aim to grow at 8% annually to bring about transformative changes in the lives of millions of people by around 2050, noted economist and former U.S. Treasury Secretary Larry Summers said here on Saturday. Mr. Summers clarified that 8% growth was not his forecast on the basis of current policy, but added, "given India's potential, even in a more challenging world economy, I believe that it is an imaginable goal." PTI

'Two chip proposals under process'

Micron plant, for which construction has started, will start producing the first chip from December 2024, says Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Vaishnaw; he expects proposals to take shape in next few months

Press Trust of India
SANAND

Two big semiconductor proposals are under process and expected to take shape in the coming few months, Union Minister for Railways, Communications, Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Saturday.

Without divulging specifics of the proposals, the minister said the projects would focus on a special area where India could emerge as a leader at the global level.

Speaking with PTI on the sidelines of the groundbreaking ceremony of Micron's semiconductor plant, Mr. Vaishnaw said that the global semiconductor community was noticing the progress made by India in the segment and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's capability to execute large and complex policy decisions.

Semiconductor strategy
Two big semiconductor proposals are under process and expected to take shape in the coming few months, says Vaishnaw
Micron
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Phase 1 will include 5,00,000 square feet of planned clean room space

"This has developed India as a major trusted geography in which global industry players want to come. We can see in the coming few months at least two more large semiconductor proposals taking shape," Mr. Vaishnaw said.

'Technology export'

He said that there were some specific areas where India could take the lead and the focus of the semiconductor projects would be in areas that could help the country export technology.

The minister said that the Micron plant, for which construction had started, would start producing the first chip from December 2024 onwards.

Memory chip maker Micron in June announced setting up a semiconductor assembly and test plant in Gujarat entailing a total investment of $2.75 billion.

Micron would invest up to $825 million in the plant in two phases and the rest of the investment would come from the Centre and the State government.

Phase 1 would include 5,00,000 square feet of planned clean room space, and would start to become operational in late 2024.

Tata Projects to construct Micron's chip plant in India

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

TATA Projects Ltd. said it has been awarded a contract by Micron Technology to construct an advanced semiconductor assembly and test plant in Sanand, Gujarat.

The construction of Phase 1 will include a 5,00,000 square feet cleanroom space. The project encompasses the design and construction of a first-of-its-kind dynamic random access memory (DRAM) and NAND [flash memory] assembly and test facility in India.

India said to defer import licensing of laptops on push back

Reuters
NEW DELHI

India will defer an import licence requirement for laptops and tablets, two government officials said, a policy U-turn after industry and the U.S. government complained about the move, which could hit Apple, Samsung and others.

The plan will be delayed by a year, after which the government will consider whether to implement a licensing regime or not, one of the officials told Reuters, requesting anonymity.

The licensing regime, announced abruptly on August 3, aimed to "ensure trusted hardware and systems" enter India, reduce dependence on imports, boost local manufacturing and in part address the country's trade imbalance with China.

But following industry objections, the initial plan was quickly delayed by about three months.

Last month U.S. trade chief Katherine Tai raised concerns with India over the move, which would also affect companies such as Dell and HP.

Growth momentum in CV industry to continue till next year: ALL's Agarwal

N. Anand
CHENNAI

The all-round growth momentum in the commercial vehicles industry is expected to continue till next year due to the Centre's unprecedented focus on infrastructure development, said Ashok Leyland Ltd. (ALL) MD and CEO Shenu Agarwal.

"The growth is expected to be all-rounded, whether it is buses, heavy duty trucks or light commercial vehicles (LCVs). The growth momentum should continue for at least this year and the next," he said during an interaction.

Shenu Agarwal

In line with the industry's growth, ALL had at the beginning of the year estimated 8-10% growth in Medium and Heavy Commercial Vehicle (M&HCV) segment and 5-6% growth in the LCV segment.

"In the first five months of the year, M&HCV has grown at a good pace and we maintain our initial estimates for the whole fiscal. The LCV segment, mainly because of the high base last year, has still not caught up. But with the festive season on, we expect the LCV segment also to start growing," he said.

While observing that many of the government's initiatives such as the scrappage policy, national infrastructure pipeline, dedicated freight corridors, and multimodal logistics parks were still in a nascent stage, he said the CV industry would benefit immensely when these initiatives started making a fuller impact.

According to him, the CV manufacturer has set a long-term road map envisaging holistic growth in volumes, market share, product portfolio, etc.

Regarding the company's recent decision to set up an e-bus facility in Uttar Pradesh by investing up to ₹1,000 crore, the MD said, "The U.P. government is willing to provide us all the necessary support... in setting up this plant, and facilitate enough demand for electric and other vehicles from this plant for it to be viable from the very beginning".

PhonePe announces Indus Appstore to take on Google

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

PhonePe on Saturday announced the launch of Indus Appstore developer platform, wooing Android app developers with the promise of zero platform fee or commission for in-app payments, as the firm made a bold move to confront Google in the app marketplace with the Made-in-India app store.

Akash Dongre, co-founder of Indus Appstore, rued that "despite being such a large consumer market, app developers have always been forced to work with only one app store–Google Play Store–for distributing their apps.

Indus Appstore hopes to provide app developers a credible alternative."

The latest move comes at a time when Google and Apple's app stores have drawn flak in various markets over-restrictive policies, opaque processes and for charging a steep commission for in-app purchases.

'Commerce ministry plans to revamp tea auction portal'

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry plans to study the tea auction portal (Bharat auction) and revamp it, said Tea Board India Executive Director (Coonoor) M. Muthukumar.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Planters Association of Tamil Nadu (PAT) here on Saturday, Mr. Muthukumar said that small tea growers in the Nilgiris were on strike for almost 20 days demanding reasonable prices.

Amardeep Singh Bhatia, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, who was in Coonoor recently, had said that a committee would be formed to study and modify the existing auction portal so that all stakeholders were benefitted. The committee would obtain feedback from farmers, bought leaf factories and buyers, Mr. Muthukumar said.

In most of the tea plantations in Tamil Nadu, the plants were more than 50 years old.

These needed to be replanted or rejuvenated so that production improved. Apart from support for small growers for replanting, the large and medium-scale plantations also needed support, though not as subsidies and incentives, he said.

TRAI moots parallel PLI to spur telecom gear making

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

TRAI has mooted 'concurrent PLI scheme' focussing on components and sub-assembly manufacturing to facilitate collaborated production activities, as it released an extensive set of recommendations to promote manufacturing of networking and telecom gear in India through tax benefit, dedicated master fund and other sweeteners.

TRAI favoured additional 2% benefit under the design-led PLI scheme for products meeting a certain criteria, while also suggesting a dedicated fund.

'Stove Kraft setting up automated foundry for cast iron cookware'

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Stove Kraft Ltd., the owner of cookware brand Pigeon, is setting up a fully automated cast iron foundry to manufacture cast iron cookware, a fast-growing cooking medium, globally.

"We are currently building the country's first completely automated foundry for cast iron cookware," Founder and Managing Director Rajendra Gandhi told *The Hindu*. "We will start production trials in December and products from this foundry will hit the markets by April 2024," he added.

Cast iron, by nature, is a good cooking medium, perceived to be safer than other metals without coating and comes with high heat retention properties which makes it fuel efficient as well, according to Mr. Gandhi.

Rajendra Gandhi

"The segment has been gaining momentum in developed markets including the U.S and Europe," he added. For the technical know-how and equipment supply and maintenance, Stove Kraft roped in DISA, a Norwegian provider of moulding equipment and foundry technology, and New Jersey-based Inductotherm that offers technology for heating and melting of metal/steel.

"We will invest a capex of ₹55 crore to put up this foundry that will melt and mould all kinds of cast iron cookware right from tawas, kadais and frying pans for Indian market and various other types cookware for global markets," Mr. Gandhi stated.

According to him, the Pigeon brand. which currently exports to 12 countries, has plans to ramp up exports and 50% of the cast iron cookware produced at the foundry will be for export markets.

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Tender Enquiry No. QQ-1325/PO-C&S dt. 22.09.2023

Chief Purchase Officer/MM, Central Purchase Organization, PSPCL, 2nd floor Multistorey Building, The Mall, Patiala, invites e-Tender for procurement of 4Cx16 sq.mm-1120Km, 4Cx50 sq.mm - 640Km & 4Cx95 sq.mm - 260Km LT XLPE insulated, PVC sheathed, Aluminum Conductor, unarmoured cable, ISI marked as per tender specification no. QQ-1325/PO-C&S dated 22.09.2023. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 22.09.2023 (5:00 PM) onwards.

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Chief Engineer/ Stores & Workshops Organization, Sarabha Nagar, PSPCL, Ludhiana,invites E-tender of Repair of 3-phase, 50 cycles, outdoor type, oil immersed, naturally cooled, stack core type construction, OWP Aluminium Wound Distribution Transformers (Type Conventional) of capacity 25KVA, 63KVA, 100KVA, 200KVA (w/o Tap changer) and 300 KVA (w/o Tap changer) with voltage ratio 11/0.433 KV conforming to ISS:2026 (with latest amendments, if any) and 1180 part-1(2014) complete with first filling of conforming to ISS : 355/1993 (with latest amendments, if any) Quantity of T/Fs.

1. 25KVA =21800 Nos.
2. 63KVA =13500 Nos.
3. 100KVA =13500 Nos.
4. 200KVA =1000 Nos.
5. 300KVA =200 Nos.

Total = 50000 Nos.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The notice is hereby given to the General Public that my client intends to purchase the schedule property for valuable consideration from Shri. Munirathna, S/o Late. Subramani Naidu aged about 61 years, residing at No.147, 11A Cross, Vaiyalikaval, Bangalore – 03

Anybody is having any right, title and interest, charges, encumbrance, claims, objections whatsoever over the schedule property may lodge their objections/claims if any, with documentary proof with the undersigned immediately within 4 days from the date of this publication. Thereafter any claim or objections will not be entertained and my client will proceed further to purchase the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Land bearing amalgamated PID No. 100-152-149 situated at Ashwathanagara, Geddalahalli, withing the BBMP Ward No.100- Sanjayanagar, Bangalore which is formed by amalgamating the following properties, and totally measuring 12000 Sq. Ft.

Sl.No.	PID No.	Area in Sqft
1	137	1200
2	137/ A	600
3	138	1800
4	139	1200
5	139 / A	600
6	140 / A	1800
7	149	1200
8	149 / A	1200
9	150 & 151	2400
Total	**100-152-149**	**12000**

The amalgamated property No.100-152-149 is bounded on the:- **East by :** Road, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Private Property, **South by :** 80 Ft. Road

Bangalore.
Date: 23-09-2023

Gopalakrishna R Hegde
Advocate,
231, S. C. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **Mr. SHAHAB AHMED BAIG,** Son of M.A. Rasheed Baig, Mobile No.9449523300 has negotiated to purchase below mentioned Schedule Property from its present owners **Mr. B.S. ARIUN AND B.S. ASHWIN,** who have jointly acquired the title & Possession by virtue of Registered Sale Deed dt: 19-09-2019 executed by Mr.B.J.Ravishankar. Any person/s, institution/s having any right, title, interest, claim, demand, charge or encumbrance over the schedule property may notify his/their claim or objections if any, together with documentary proof to the undersigned within **Seven (7) days** from the date of this notice, failing which it would be conclusively presumed and deemed that no person/s has/have any right, title, interest, claim, charge or encumbrance whatsoever in the Schedule Property and further my client will be entitled to proceed with the transaction and get register the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Eastern Portion in the Lower First Floor Office Space **measuring 550sq.feet** out of total 1648 sq.feet having **Present New Municipal No.8/2-2** PID No.48-92-8/2-2 situated at 6th Cross Road, Kalasipalyam New Extension, Bangalore, BBMP New Ward No.118, together with proportionate undivided right, title and interest in the Composite property amounting to 278.48 sq. feet out of 1/3. Undivided share in the Composite Property with proportionate right of entry for ingress and egress from Ground Floor and bounded on the: **East by:** Main Property No.58, New No.8. **West by:** Western Portion of the same No.8/2-1, **North by:** Tank Bund Road, **South by:** Upper First Floor Office space belongs to B.S.Arjun & B.S.Ashwin

R.A. RAHMAN, Advocate
No.1, Tipu chambers, 2nd floor, 4th Cross, N.R road, Bangalore-560002. Karnataka.
Date: 23-09-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby Notified to general public that our Client, **Sri. B.N. Ramesh,** S/o Sri. Narasaiah, R/at: No. 33, Mavalli, Bengaluru, Presently R/at No. 4, 'Sapna', 1st Main, MES Colony, Konena Agrahara, Bengaluru-560 017, being the absolute Owner in possession over the Residential Site bearing No. 49, measuring East-West: 40 Feet, North-South: 30 Feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.Ft., formed in Sy.No. 23 & 29, situate at Chinnagenahalli @ Bidare Agrahara Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, described in the Schedule hereunder, had executed a General Power of Attorney dated 13-03-2007 in favour of Smt. Varsha J.D., W/o Jaykumar B.D. That in view of the said intent of GPA not being fulfilled and not acted upon, our Client has got cancelled the said GPA, vide Notice dated 21-09-2023. Thereby, it is intimated to Public that Smt. Varsha J.D., is not having any right or interest over the Schedule property and not to transact with Smt. Varsha J.D., and any acts and deeds as done by Smt. Varsha J.D., is nothing to do, either with our Client or with the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Residential Site bearing No. 49, measuring East-West: 40 Feet, North-South: 30 Feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.Ft., formed in Sy.No. 23 & 29, situate at Chinnagenahalli @ Bidare Agrahara Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, bounded on: **East by:** Site No. 36, **West by:** 30 Feet Road, **North by:** Site No. 48, **South by:** 30 Feet Road.

M/S. MATHRU ASSOCIATES,
ADVOCATES
No. 3/15-B, 2nd Floor, DBS Gurusiddappa Building, 4th Main, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560009. Ph: 9900900166

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that my Client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from, **Mr. VIJAY ALBUQUERQUE also known as VIJAY ALEX AMOS ALBUQUERQUE** aged about 73 years, S/o. Sri Leo Amas Albuquerque permanent residing at #199/B, Dando, Candolim, Bardez, Goa – 403 101 and Presently residing at # 505, Hillsborough Road, Mt. Roskill, Auckland - 1041 **("Owner").**

The Owner represents that he is the absolute owner and he is in possession of the Schedule Property and the Schedule Property is free from any kind of encumbrance, suits, and proceedings under any statute. Any person or persons asserting any right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, gift, inheritance, bequest, possession, lis pendens, maintenance, easement, memorandum of understanding, agreement, power of attorney, option, right of first refusal, pre-emption or otherwise whatsoever is hereby required to notify the same in writing to the undersigned within a period of **Seven (7) days** from the date of issuance of this notice with all documentary proof thereof failing which our Client will treat the title of the Schedule Property as clear and marketable and will proceed to enter into the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of dry agricultural immovable property bearing **Old Sy. No.76, New Sy. No.76/2,** measuring **1 Acre and 10 Guntas,** situated at **Sonnenahalli Village, Hesaraghatta-2 Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District** and bounded as follows: -

East By : Property of Survey No. 78; West By : Property of Survey No. 76/1; North By : Property of Survey No. 78; and South By : Property of Survey No. 76/3.

DEVENDRA NAIK, Advocate
ATRIUM JURIS
Advocates and Legal Consultants
No. 510, 1st Floor, Lakshmiram Building, 6th Cross, Mahalakshmi Layout, Near Karnataka Bank, Bengaluru-560 086
Ph: 9740287003

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client has negotiated to purchase the property shown in the Schedule below from **Smt.Anitha.M,** W/o Sri.Mahendra Kumar and **Smt.S.Sarla,** W/o Sri.K.Surendra Kumar, both R/at No.1671/39, 10th Main, 5th Cross, BSK 1st Stage, Bangalore -560050,. The above-named persons have represented that they are the joint and absolute owners of the Schedule Property. Any person/s, institution/s having any right, title, claim or interest of any nature in the Schedule Property or any objections of any manner whatsoever to the above sale transaction between my client and Smt.Anitha.M and Smt.S.Sarla is/are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned and file objections/claims along-with supporting documents within 07 days from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that the above mentioned owner has clear and marketable title to the property specified below and that others do not have any claim over the same and/or claims if any will be deemed to have been waived. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the Southern Portion of Immoveable Property bearing Old No.7, Later No.24, current Municipal No.43/2, earlier having access through Mission Road as part of larger composite party and now having access only through Sri Rama Mandira Road, (1st Main Road, Sampangiramnagar), Bengaluru, having PID No.77-1-43/2, Measuring East to West: (93 Feet + 90 Feet)/2 and North to South: 32.67 Feet, totally measuring 3000 Square Feet and bounded on the:

East by: Somashekar and M.H Jain Property
West by: Srirama Mandira Road (1st Main, Sampangiramnagar)
North by: Northern Portion of Property No.43/2
South by: Desai's Property

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ECO-FRIENDLY

Harmanpreet, Lovlina lead Indian contingent at opening ceremony

The 200-strong Indian contingent for the Asian Games opening ceremony was led by Harmanpreet Singh and Lovlina Borgohain, the men in their khaki kurta-pants with floral motif jackets and the women in khaki saris with floral blouses. The kit has been sourced from recyclable materials to promote reuse and sustainability.

RESILIENT

Afghan women find their way to Hangzhou, make history

In the first Asian Games since the Taliban regained control of Afghanistan, two teams of athletes arrived bearing the nation's colours. One, sent from Afghanistan consisting of about 130 all-male athletes. Another, competing under the elected government the Taliban toppled in 2021, includes 17 women.

SPINNING A WEB

New Zealand wins on the back of a Sodhi masterclass

Ish Sodhi's spell of six for 39 helped New Zealand beat Bangladesh by 86 runs in the second ODI in Dhaka on Saturday.
The scores: New Zealand 254 in 49.2 overs (Blundell 68, Nicholls 49, Hasan 3/45, Khaled Ahmed 3/60) bt Bangladesh 168 in 41.1 overs (Mahmudullah 49, Tamim 44, Sodhi 6/39). **Toss:** NZ.

BENCH STRENGTH

Second-string England eases past Ireland, goes 1-0 up in the series

A second-string England cruised to a 48-run victory over Ireland in the second ODI at Trent Bridge on Saturday, bowling out the visitors for 286 after racking up 334 for eight.
The score: England 334/8 in 50 overs (Jacks 94, Hain 89, Dockrell 3/43) bt Ireland 286 in 46.4 overs (Scrimshaw 3/66).

China displays might and pride in opening ceremony

Showcasing the past, using the future in the present, the show serves as an extension of the all-pervasive technology seen across the city that prides itself on being the greenest in the country

Tech power: A projection of a digital torch-bearer is displayed as the cauldron is being lit. AP

ASIAN GAMES

Uthra Ganesan
HANGZHOU

The pride of the past and the might of the future converging in the present in a spectacle grand enough to put any doubts on China's ability to put on a show to rest – the opening ceremony of the 19th Asian Games here was as much about China showcasing itself in a post-Covid era as the much-delayed Games and sports themselves.

The show, lasting just over 100 minutes, was an extension of the all-pervasive technology seen across the city that prides itself on being the greenest in the country with the tagline 'Paradise on Earth'. Not surprisingly, nature in all its forms including greenery and harvest figured heavily in the performances. "All the technology, props and programmes will help us present the rich history and culture of Hangzhou and Zhejiang," the ceremony's chief director Sha Xialan has been quoted as saying and it perfectly sums up the confluence of past and future on Saturday evening.

Remotely controlled

The 80,000-capacity Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre Stadium, or the Big Lotus as it is known, displayed China's power and ambition across eras – from the traditional dating back to the ninth century to a sustainable and digital future. Even the life-size mascots at different places, realistic enough to give an impression of having a real person inside, are remotely controlled.

Hangzhou's history was presented through lights and lasers projected on the floor of the stadium and on huge hang-down banner curtains, the entire evening tied together with the theme of water as the eternal nourishing force – ironic, given the constant rain in the city for more than two days now. But the extent of contingency planning can be gauged from the fact that a replacement venue within the same stadium complex had been kept ready, complete with an abridged version of the opening ceremony without some of the more dramatic elements, in case of inclement weather.

While the pre-show began as early as 6 p.m., the loudest cheer was unsurprisingly reserved for the arrival of Chinese president Xi Jinping at 7.58 p.m. – and his declaring the Games open later in the evening – marking the official start of the proceedings with an opening performance titled 'Autumn in Golden Glow' followed by the Chinese flag with a backdrop of the Great Wall.

For a Games that prides itself on being "China and Asia having integration of culture" and "Asian people's unity", the ceremony also highlighted how politics and sports are inseparable – while every country including the likes of Afghanistan, Indonesia and Jordan were welcomed with loud cheers from the stands during the parade of nations, India's entry was marked by a visible chillness, reflecting the current status of relations between the continental neighbours.

Jinping declared the Games open to the tune of vociferous drum beats and martial music, followed by the athletes' oath and a breathtaking closing performance that saw the entire stadium turn into one huge three-dimensional canvas of light and sound.

Light show

With an emphasis on being the first carbon-neutral Games, the traditional fireworks were substituted with a light show with each spark representing one of the 100 million participants of the Hangzhou 2022 online Torch Relay, together forming the shape of a person lighting the main cauldron alongside Tokyo Olympic gold medallist swimmer Wang Shun as the final torch-bearer.

Nikhat and Lovlina to headline the Indian challenge in the boxing ring

Uthra Ganesan

For a sport with widely held notions of strength and masculinity in popular culture, boxing in India has been headlined mainly by women in recent times.

As the sport with the fourth-highest medal count for India at the Asian Games, it has contributed 57 medals, but the inclusion of the women's category in 2010 has seen the focus shifting to them.

Not surprisingly, India's biggest hopes this time around too rest largely on the Nikhat Zareen-Lovlina Borgohain duo, both on a high after winning gold at the World Championships in March at home earlier this year. While Nikhat won her second gold, Lovlina added one to her burgeoning kitty that also includes an Olympic bronze. The two would be the biggest stars of the Indian challenge in Hangzhou.

Among the men, the focus will be on Deepak Bhoria (51kg) and Nishant Dev (71kg), bronze medallists at the 2023 World Championships in Tashkent.

The other big name under the spotlight will be the experienced Shiva Thapa in the 63kg, who has not exactly been setting the ring on fire in the last few years but would be keen to add an elusive Asiad medal to his collection.

India is fielding a 13-member contingent – seven men , six women – with a total of 34 Olympic slots up for grabs across weight categories in both genders.

Under the new IOC qualification guidelines, the Asian Games will serve as direct qualifiers with both male finalists in each category booking Olympic spots.

Among the women, barring 66kg and 75kg, which is also Lovlina's event, all four semifinalists will qualify, making it easier for the Indians to add quotas.

The Boxing Federation of India, for its part, did its best in getting the pugilists competition ready. The Indian pugilists were among the first to reach China and had a 17-day training camp in the city of Wuyishan.

India's golden pugilists in Asian Games

1962: Padam Bahadur Mall (men's lightweight)
1966: Hawa Singh (men's heavyweight)
1970: Hawa Singh (men's heavyweight)
1982: Kaur Singh (men's heavyweight)
1998: Dingko Singh (men's bantamweight)
2010: Vikas Krishan (men's lightweight)
2010: Vijender Singh (men's middleweight
2014: M.C. Mary Kom (women's flyweight)
2018: Amit Panghal (men's light flyweight)

Second-string Indian paddlers flex their muscles in packed stadium

Aashin Prasad
HANGZHOU

The Indian table tennis teams registered victories to progress into the next round as pool toppers.

The men beat Tajikistan 3-0 while the women toppled Nepal by the same margin here on Saturday. The men's team will take on Kazakhstan and the women will face Thailand.

A. Sharath Kamal and G. Sathiyan were rested with Harmeet Desai, Manav Thakar and Manush Shah – the latter two playing their first matches here – getting a chance to take the lead on the court.

The Indian trio barely broke a sweat against a team ranked 98 places below them.

In the women's team, Manika Batra and Sreeja Akula sat out, while Divya Chitale, Ayhika and Sutirtha Mukherjee wrapped up proceedings in under 45 minutes.

Both the men's and the women's teams have their round-of-16 contest scheduled in the first half of Sunday and the prospect of the quarterfinals also slated for evening.

INDIANS IN ACTION TODAY

A look at some Indian players/teams who will compete on Sunday (all times IST):
Boxing: Women: 54kg (round-of-16): Preeti vs. Silina (Jor),11.45 a.m.; 50kg (round-of-32): Nikhat vs. Thi Tam (Vie), 4.30 p.m.
Cricket: Women (semifinals): vs. Bangladesh, 6.30 a.m.
Chess: Individual rounds (from 12.30 p.m.): Men: Vidit and Arjun; **Women:** Humpy and Harika.
Football: Women (Group B): vs. Thailand, 1.30 p.m.; **Men (Group A):** vs. Myanmar, 5 p.m.
Hockey: Men (Pool A): vs. Uzbekistan, 8.45 a.m.
Rowing (6.30 a.m. onwards): Men: Final-A: Lightweight double sculls (Arjun, Arvind); Double sculls (Satnam, Parminder); Pair (Babu Lal, Lekh Ram); Men's Eight; **Women: Final-B:** Lightweight double sculls (Kiran, Anshika); Final-A: Women's Four
Shooting: Women's 10m air rifle (qualification, individual and team finals): Ashi, Mehuli, Ramita, 6 a.m.; Men's 25m rapid fire pistol qualification phase 1 (Anish, Vijayveer, Adarsh), 6.30 a.m. onwards.
Swimming (heats and final, 7.30 a.m. onwards): Men: 100m freestyle: Anand, Tanish; 100m backstroke: Srihari, Utkarsh; **Women:** 4x100m freestyle relay.
Table tennis (team, round-of-16): Women: vs. Thailand (7.30 a.m.); **Men:** vs. Kazakhstan (9.30 a.m.)
Tennis: Men's singles (round 2): Nagal vs. Leung (Mac), 9.30 a.m.
Volleyball: Men: Classification 1st-6th: vs. Japan, noon.

World No. 1 India will look to seal the series against visiting Aussies

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

P.K. Ajith Kumar
INDORE

The Men in Blue landed in this historical city on Saturday as the No. 1 team across formats. They had made history when they beat Australia in the first ODI at Mohali; only South Africa had achieved the feat of being the ICC's top-ranking team for men in Tests, ODIs and T20Is at the same time, back in 2012.

It is, no doubt, a significant achievement and a fair reflection of the strength and depth of present-day Indian cricket. Ruturaj Gaikwad provided a glimpse of that.

The stylish opener is not part of the World Cup squad and has been named only for the first two games of this series, but he played a crucial role in India's five-wicket win in the opening match on Friday night. He scored 71 attractive runs - a maiden ODI fifty, in his third match - and put on 142 for the first wicket with Shubman Gill, himself a stylist of the top drawer.

Fantastic form

Gill, of course, is in fantastic form, and is the leading scorer in ODIs this calendar year, with 1126 runs from 19 matches at an average of 70.37 (four hundreds).

The last time he played an ODI here, at the Holkar Stadium, Gill had made a 78-ball 112 as India posted a mammoth 385 and beat New Zealand by 90 runs.

Getting into the groove: Shami and Suryakumar's performances in the Mohali ODI would have pleased Rahul & Co. the most. BCCI TWITTER

But, he wasn't the Player-of-the-Match. Shardul Thakur was, for his 25 (17b) and three for 45. At Mohali, though, the seamer leaked 78 runs without taking a wicket. The team management should be expecting a better show from him.

The management, however, could not have asked more of Mohammed Shami, who, with his career-best five for 51 in trying conditions, has staked a claim for a place in the starting eleven for the World Cup.

The balls that dismissed Mitchell Marsh and Steve Smith ought to make the job difficult for the wise men to select the team.

They should be happy with the way Suryakumar Yadav approached the Indian chase, with a responsible half-century. They should also be content with captain K.L. Rahul's knock that sealed the victory, though they may want an improvement with his 'keeping gloves' on.

Rahul and his men should be keen to wrap up the series with this match. It should be a morale-booster ahead of the World Cup.

But the gritty Australians will be determined to keep the series alive till the last match at Rajkot. For that, they need to come up with a better effort, both with bat and ball.

The batters from No. 3 to 7 all got runs but none touched 50. The bowlers rarely troubled Ruturaj or Gill during the big stand.

Josh Inglis's 45 was one of the few positives for the visitors, for whom Mitchell Starc and Glenn Maxwell might miss out again.

The teams (from):
India: K.L. Rahul (Capt.), Shubman Gill, Ishan Kishan, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Tilak Varma, Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav, Ravindra Jadeja, R. Ashwin, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, Shardul Thakur, Prasidh Krishna and Washington Sundar.
Australia: Pat Cummins (Capt.), David Warner, Mitchell Marsh, Steve Smith, Marnus Labuschagne, Josh Inglis, Alex Carey, Marcus Stoinis, Cameron Green, Matthew Short, Adam Zampa, Josh Hazlewood, Glenn Maxwell, Nathan Ellis, Sean Abbott, Tanveer Sangha and Spencer Johnson.

INBRIEF

Sulanjana's hat-trick helps India U-17 women beat Iran

Powered by a Sulanjana Raul hat-trick, India's U-17 team wrapped up its AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup Qualifiers campaign with a resounding 3-0 win over Iran in Buriram, Thailand, on Saturday. India's campaign so far has been defined by two heavy losses to teams ranked higher than the Young Tigresses.

The result: India 3 (Sulanjana Raul 36, 44, 88) beat IR Iran 0.

Wang clinches her maiden WTA title in Guangzhou

China's Wang Xiyu captured her maiden WTA Tour title on Saturday as the World No. 88 powered past Magda Linette 6-0, 6-2 in the final of the Guangzhou Open, the first elite women's tournament in the Asian nation since 2019.

LIVE TELECAST

Asian Games: Sony Sports Ten 1, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 6.30 a.m. onwards
Formula One: Japanese GP, F1 TV & F1 TV Pro App, 10.30 a.m.
Moto GP Bharat: (Main race), Sports 18-1 Khel & Jio Cinema App, 12.30 p.m. onwards
India vs Australia: 2nd ODI, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.30 p.m.
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 4, 6.30, 9 p.m. & 12.15 a.m. (Monday)
LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 5.30, 7.45, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Monday)
Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 & 9 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 & 9 p.m.
ISL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 8 p.m.
Laver Cup: Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12 a.m. (Monday)
Asian Games: Sony Sports Ten 2, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 5.30 a.m. (Monday)

Mohun Bagan sails past newcomer Punjab

Cummings, Petratos, and Manvir find the target for the home side; Jerry and Mauricio on the scoresheet for Lobera's Odisha against Chennaiyin

ISL-10

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

Mohun Bagan Super Giant started its title defence in style as it downed newcomer Punjab FC 3-1 to open the Indian Super League campaign at its home in Salt Lake Stadium on Saturday. Jason Cummings, Dimitri Petratos, and Manvir Singh – who came in as a substitute – found the target for the home side. Luka Majcen produced the lone reply for Punjab, which was promoted to the country's top league this season.

Jerry and Mauricio.
BISWARANJAN ROUT

Mohun Bagan, which came into the match with an impressive record of winning eight and losing just one match earlier in the season, continued to show good form and got past the I-League champion rather easily.

PTI reports from Bhubaneswar Goals in either halves by Jerry Mawihmingthanga and Diego Mauricio helped Odisha FC trump Chennaiyin FC 2-0 to start its Indian Super League campaign on a victorious note, here on Saturday.

Odisha seemed to have adapted into new head coach Sergio Lobera's philosophy seamlessly from the start.

The team held the major chunk of the possession and kept probing the Chennaiyin defence with fluid offensive moves.

However, neither of the two teams came close to breaking the deadlock until Jerry found the breakthrough courtesy of some incredible coordination upfront in the 45th minute of the game. Goalkeeper Samik Mitra failed to handle a long-range shot properly, which landed in fullback Amey Ranawade's feet on the right hand side of the 18-yard box.

Ranawade squared up a neat pass to Jerry, who turned around swiftly and shot firmly from his left foot into the bottom right corner to hand the Juggernauts the vital lead heading into the half-time break.

Lobera reinforced Odisha's attack by bringing in Brazilian forward Mauricio. He instantly pounced upon a defensive error by Ankit Mukherjee to bag the home side's second goal.

The Juggernauts grew in confidence thereafter as it tested the Chennaiyin defence pretty closely in the final 20 minutes of the match.

The results: Mohun Bagan SG 3 (Cummings 10, Petratos 35, Manvir 64) bt Punjab FC 1 (Majcen 53); Odisha 2 (Jerry 45, Maurício 63) bt Chennaiyin 0.

KARNATAKA ROUND UP

Ved and Punith excel in Bangalore City Xi's thumping win

P. Ved (145) and G. Punith Kumar (3/13 & 5/31) helped Bangalore City XI thump Shivamogga by an innings and 29 runs in the KSCA under-16 inter-zonal tournament.

The scores: Mangalore 138 in 57.4 overs (K. Vignesh Kumar 30, Eshan P. Baglody 25, Arya J. Gowda 5/42) & 54/2 in 15.4 overs drew with Bangalore 318/5 in 90 overs (Arya J. Gowda 141, Ishaan N. Yathiraj 41, Vrateen Prashant Padti 41, G. Aravind 48, K.S. Mokhit 34 n.o.).

Bangalore City XI 307 in 65.2 overs (K.P. Aryan 32, P. Ved 145, Dhruv Shetty 40, Dhruv Krishnan 37, Aashrit Ram Inapakuthika 25, K. Preetham Raj 5/55) bt Shivamogga Zone 106 in 60.1 overs (A.N. Pradyumna 46, Saksham Agrawal 3/33, G. Punith Kumar 3/13) & 172 in 63.1 overs (A.N. Pradyumna 72, M.C. Mourya 33, G. Punith Kumar 5/31).

Dharwad 212/9 in 90 overs (Shubam R. Khot 25, Neil K. Powar 51, Ganesh Maddimani 34, Sainath Rajoli 54 n.o., Vijay Maller 3/22, Vishwa Venkatadri 3/25) drew with Vice President's XI 362/7 in 90 overs (Amogh R. Shetty 85, Talha Sheriff 94, Krushna V. Rao 34, S. Daivik 94 n.o., Ganesh Maddimani 4/58).

Mysore 195 in 71.3 overs (Dhyaan Mahesh Hiremath 78 n.o., M. Amith Vishalvath 4/41) & 96/6 in 26 overs (Varun Patel Lokesha 39, A. Preetham 4/24) drew with Tumkur 174 in 88.1 overs (Adil 30, A.A. Rohith 79, Dhyaan Mahesh Hiremath 5/19).

Combined City XI 223 in 69.4 overs (S. Abhiraj 36, Anvay Dravid 57, Anirudh Deepak 3/54) drew with Secretary's XI 147/8 in 46.2 overs (Nikhil George 49, Anirudh Deepak 59 n.o., Charan S. Reddy 3/26).

Raichur Zone 104 in 45.2 overs (Aniketh Reddy 35, Aditya Rathod 38, Rishabh Adiga 3/13, K.P. Ahan 4/1) & 56/1 in 12 overs (Aniketh Reddy 28 n.o.) drew with President's XI 144 in 43.4 overs.

Dheeraj to lead

Dheeraj J. Gowda will lead Karnataka in the Vinoo Mankad Trophy (U-19) cricket tournament to be held in Hyderabad from October 12 to 20.

The squad: Dheeraj J. Gowda (Capt.), Dhruv Prabhakar, S.U. Karthik, Shivam Singh, Harshil Dharmani, Samit Dravid, Hardik Raj, Yuvraj Arora, Aarav Mahesh, Aaditya Nair, Dhanush Gowda, Samarth Nagaraj, Shikhar Shetty, Nishchith N. Pai, K.P. Karthikeya, **Coach:** K.B. Pawan; **Asst. Coach:** S.L. Akshay.

Niki at the helm

Niki Prasad will lead Karnataka at the BCCI U-19 women's one day trophy in Guwahati from October 8 to 16.

The squad: Niki Prasad (Capt.), Mithila Vinod, B.G. Tejashwini, Bhavika Reddy, Shreya S. Chavan, Sloka Veera Hyndhavi, Lavanya Chalana, Reema Fareed, Vandita K. Rao, Aditi Bakka, Chinmayi Shivanand, Reethu R. Gowda, Priya S. Chavan, Srinithi P. Rai, Thejaswini Udaya Kumar.

BYFL blanks Shooterz

BYFL blanked Shooterz FC 4-0 in an under-11 category match of the KSFA Youth Premier League here on Saturday.

Other results: U-11: BCFC drew with BSS 1-1; YBEFC bt Conscient Football 3-0; D. United FC bt Goals FC 4-0; Roots FC bt Snipers FC 6-1; Titan FC bt Playsmart FC 3-2; BPSS FC drew with BYFL-A 0-0.

Big win for Leo Sports Club-B

Leo Sports Club-B hammered Anglo Indian HC 10-3 in the President's Cup five-a-side hockey tournament here on Saturday.

Other results: Warriors SC bt Jude Felix 6-3; New Ashoka HC-B bt Southern Alpha SA 7-0; Warriors SC bt Bangalore United-A 6-2; Jude Felix bt Germanite 4-0; Warriors SC bt Germanite 7-3.

Man City maintains perfect start

EURO LEAGUES

Agencies
MANCHESTER

Manchester City maintained its perfect start to the Premier League season with a 2-0 home win over Nottingham Forest on Saturday, making it six wins out of six despite losing midfielder Rodri to a red card early in the second half.

Record-setting Harry Kane scored a hat-trick as Bayern Munich thumped struggling Bochum 7-0 at home on Saturday, taking the champions back to the top of the Bundesliga.

Kane scored once in the first half and twice in the second.

The results: Premier League: Crystal Palace 0 drew with Fulham 0; Luton 1 (Morris 65-pen) drew with Wolves 1 (Neto 50); Manchester City 2 (Foden 7, Haaland 14) bt Nottingham Forest 0.

LaLiga: Girona 5 (Lopez 26, Dovbyk 33-pen, Martin 37, Herrera 45, Savio 57) bt Real Mallorca 3 (Muriqi 4-pen, Prats 89, 90+5).

Serie A: AC Milan 1 (Leao 8) bt Verona 0.

Bundesliga: Bayern Munich 7 (Choupo Moting 4, Kane 12, 54-pen, 88, De Ligt 29, Sane 38, Tel 81) bt VfL Bochum 0; Borussia Dortmund 1 (Reus 68) bt VfL Wolfsburg 0; Union Berlin 0 lost to Hoffenheim 2 (Kramaric 22-pen, Beier 38); Borussia M'Gladbach 0 lost to RB Leipzig 1 (Werner 75); Augsburg 2 (Demirovic 15, 45) bt Mainz 05 1 (Ajorque 6).

On Friday: LaLiga: Alaves 0 lost to Athletic Bilbao 2 (Williams 18, Sancet 76).

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client Piyush Kothari and Swati Kothari is intending to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner Mrs. Usha Agarwal, W/o Mr. L.C. Agarwal, Aged About 67 years, residing at No. 5052 Tower 5, 5TH floor Prestige Lake Ridge Apartment, Turahalli Road, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru 560061 (hereinafter referred as 'Owner').

Owner has mortgaged the Schedule Property to the Reliance Home Finance Limited (RHFL), now known as Reliance Commercial Finance Limited (RCFL), and the loan account number is RHHLBAN00003163 9 and RHHTBAN000031660, but defaulted in payment of Earnest Monthly Interest (EMIs). The Bank is in current possession of the Property and upon discussion with Bankers and the Villa owner my client has decided to buy the Schedule Property.

All or any persons including any banks, financial institutions or any other party or person, having any valid and legal claim, right, title, OR any other claims over the above said property is hereby called upon to convey their objection/s in writing at the address mentioned below, within **(15) Fifteen** days from issuance of this notice, along with all supporting documents relating to such claim, failing which it shall be presumed that there is /are no claim/s and such claim/s if any, shall be considered to be waived and abandoned in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable Property being the Residential Plot bearing No. A-9 [RADIAL], [Seegehalli Grama Panchayath Katha No. 124/A-9, Property Bearing No. 150200401700520483] measuring East to West 50 feet and 64 feet and North to South 80 feet and 80 feet, thus in all measuring 4,675 Sq. feet, which includes Parking Space measuring 485 sq. feet together with a residential Villa having a Built-up Area of 4,035 Sq. Feet having Marble Flooring, Garden Area Measuring 788 Sq. Feet, open sit out on Level No. 01 measuring 205 sq. feet, and Open Party Area on Level No. 2 measures 1,349 Sq. ft and bounded as follows:

East by : Villa # B-12, West by : Road,
North by : Villa #A-8, South by : Villa #A-10

Date: 24.09.2023
Place: Bangalore
Sd/-
ARVIND KUMAR LEGAL ASSOCIATES
No. 303, KJ Charvi Enclave , 22 'B ' Main Road, JP Nagar 5th Phase, Bangalore - 560078
Mob No: 9632196595

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform the General Public that our clients my clients Smt.Papamma W/o Late Ramaiah, aged about 79 years, Smt. Munilakshmamma @ Lakshmamma D/O Late Ramaiah, W/o Venkataramaiah, aged about 65 years, R/at, No. 805, 4th Main Road, A Block, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Subhamanyanagar, Bangalore, Smt. Narayanamma W/o Late Narayanaswamy, aged about 61 years, Smt.Vishalakshmi D/o Late Narayanaswamy, aged about 39 years, Smt. Deepa D/o Late Narayanaswamy, aged about 37 years, Sri. Yogananda S/o Late Narayanaswamy, aged about 33 years, Smt. Netravathi D/o Late Narayanaswamy, aged about 26 years, all are R/at, Dasara Beedi, 17th ward, Devanahalli Town, Bangalore Rural District. Smt. Sakamma D/o Late Ramaiah, aged about 51 years, R/at, No. 68, 4th cross, 7th Main Road, J.C. Nagar, Bangalore-560086. Smt. Padma. R D/o Late Ramaiah, aged about 49 years, R/at, No. 1174, 2nd Cross, 7th Main Road, Yeshawanthapura, Bangalore-560022, have cancelled the General Power of Attorney dated 08-09-2016 executed in favour of **N.SRINIVAS** registered as document No. GNR-4-00224/2016-17, Book-IV, C.D.NO. GNRD122, at Sub-registrar Office, Gandhinagara (Ganganagara) Bangalore, by way of legal notice dated 22-09-2023 and thereby cancelled all the rights conferred by our clients to the above said parties in respect of the schedule property. The said General Power of Attorney dated 08-09-2016 is cancelled and unenforceable. Further, our clients have learnt from reliable sources that the above said parties are trying to alienate the schedule property or portion of the schedule property, in-spite of him being aware that the powers conferred on him, under the said General Power of Attorney, have been cancelled by our clients. In view of the above, the public are hereby cautioned not to enter into any transactions, either absolute or limited in respect of the schedule property with **N. SRINIVAS**, inspite of this public notice. If anyone enterers into any transaction with them in respect of the schedule property, he/she/they will be do so at their own risks and costs and the same will not bind our clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of vacant property bearing **Sy. No. 103 (Old Sy.No. 31/43),** measuring to an extent of **3-00 acre** situated at, **Lingadeeragollahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District,** bounded on : **East by: Road, West by Sy. No. 100, North by :Sy. No. 104, South by :Sy. No. 102.**

A. MAHESH KUMAR
Advocate
VEGA LAW ASSOCIATES
10, Appaji Nilaya, Venkatappa Layout East, Shanthinagara South, Devanahalli Town-562110

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 26/2023 Dated: 20.09.2023
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following works:

Description in brief: Uninsulated cadmium copper catenary wire (19/2.10 mm) 65 Sqmm. Conforming to RDSO specification no. TI/SPEC/OHE/CAT (Cu-Cd)/0971 or latest.

(Tender No. L8236428) (Qty: 6.9 KMs)

Last date for submission of bids:
Up to 10:30 hrs. of 13.10.2023

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Materials Manager
PUB/391/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24 **Bengaluru**
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that Original Sale Deed dated 07.02.1998 registered as document No.4814/1997-98 of Book-I, in the office of the Sub-Registrar Bangalore, Cancelation of Deed dated 08.05.2019, registered as documents No.1029/2019-20 of Book I & CD.No.JGND618 in the office of the Sub-Registrar Jigani Bangalore & Sale Deed dated.05.02.2018 registered as documents No.8055/2017-18 of Book I & CD.No.JGND516 in the office of the Sub-Registrar Jigani Bangalore in respect of **Site No.96**, Situated at **Bannerghatta Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore**, has been lost. All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the Sale Deeds & Cancellation of Deed If anyone has already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within **7 days** from this present.

Y. Sowmya Yadav, Advocate
Samvruddhi Legal, # 83, Ground Floor, 5th 'A' Cross, 21st Main, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-78. **M : 9916343921**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka, constituted by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, vide its letter No. SEIAA 107 CON 2022 dated: 15-02-2023 has accorded Environmental Clearance to **M/s. APG Habitat Private Ltd** for construction of Residential Development Project in the name of **Assetz Canvas & Cove – Phase II** at Sy. No. 133/1, 134/1, & 134/3, Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District Bengaluru as per applicable provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and amended thereafter.

Copy of the Clearance letter is available with the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and may also be seen on the website of the SEIAA, Karnataka at **http://seiaa.karnataka.gov.in/, http://seiaa.kar.nic.in & http://environmentclearance.nic.in.**

This Public Notice is issued in compliance with the conditions laid down in the above Environmental Clearance.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(Tiruchchirappalli Division)
E-Tender Notice No: T-SG-36-1-genset-23-24 &
T-SG-36-111-2-3-2023-2024 Dt 22.09.2023

For and on behalf of The President of India, Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Southern Railway, Tiruchchirappalli invites online tender for the following work up to **14.00 hrs on 16.10.2023**

Item No.	Tender Notice No.	Name of the Work
1.	T-SG-36-1-genset-23-24	Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for Generator Sets of Signaling Department over TPJ Division for a period of two year.
2.	T-SG-36-III-2-2023-2024	Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of M/s. Kyosan make Electronic Interlocking at 4 stations in TPJ Division for Three years.
3.	T-SG-36-III-3-2023-2024	Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of Medha make Electronic Interlocking at 13 stations of Tiruchchirappalli division for Three years.

Item No.	Cash Value in Lakhs of Rupees	Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees)	Validity Offer	Date & Time of Closing	Period of Completion
1.	11.81 Lakhs	23,600/-	45 days	on 16.10.2023 at 14.00 Hrs.	24 Months
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BUSINESS CONNECT A Business Initiative

BEML to supply Light Alloy Structures for Launch Vehicle Mk-3 to Vikram Sarabhai Space Center, ISRO

BEML Limited, a 'Schedule A' Company under the Ministry of Defence received order from Vikram Sarabhai Space Center (VSSC), ISRO for manufacture and deliver 7 types of Light Alloy Structures for Launch Vehicle Mk-3 (LVM3). The first Strap on Base Shroud (SBS) structure was handed over to VSSC, ISRO by Shri. Shantanu Roy, BEML Chairman & Managing Director, today in the presence of Shri. Ajit Kumar Srivastav, Director (Defence Business) and Shri. Anil Jerath, Director (Finance), BEML. Previously, BEML's Aerospace division has supplied fabricated Retro Motor Casings to VSSC, ISRO for PSLV program in 2018. So far, BEML has successfully delivered 120 nos. of RS1 motor casings to ISRO. Also, BEML has set up an exclusive hangar with required jigs & fixtures, metrology instruments for fabrication of Light Alloy Structures at its Bangalore Complex. BEML's hardware is expected to be used in future mission M7 onwards.

Sunfeast Marie Light relaunch in the TamilNadu

Sunfeast Marie Light is among the leading marie brands in the country. Recently the brand has been relaunched in TN with a new improved product, refreshed packaging and a new communication platform. Sunfeast Marie Light's new proposition is "Light moments make a strong team". The strong team refers to the bond between husband and wife strengthens, if they spend quality time and share light moments with each other. The new advertising has Jyotika as the main protagonist where she plays the role of the wife in the "Strong Team". This phase of the activity is the reveal of the main asset which is the TVC. The TVC highlights the purpose that the brand propagates - to create a Strong Team of husband and wife in every house in TN. The brand believes that "light moments" spent between husband and wife can strengthen this bond and make them a strong team. This phase inspires all couples to work towards strengthening their relationship and help Jyotika in her mission to make a "Strong Team" in every home.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its Owners: **(1) Smt.SHAKUNTALA NARASIMHAN, (2) Sri.KRISHNAN VENKATA GORUR and (3) Sri.G.RAJ NARAYAN** all children of late G.S.Raman, residing at: No.147, 12th Cross, J.P.Nagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore – 560 078.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

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Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Southern Rathway/ Salem Division, Salem-636005 for and on behalf of the President of India invites ONLINE tenders for the following works as per tender notice given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderers/contractor(s) intending to apply for e-tender for WORKS in Salem Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted. Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) & Tender Document Cost (TDC), in respect of e-tendering should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) will not be accepted as EMD for tenders invited on IREPS (e-tender portal)

Tender Notice No. SA-GSU-ST-03-2023-04 floated on 13.09.2023 is treated as concelled.

Name of Work: SALEM DIVISION: Provision of Dual Visual Display Unit at left over stations (M/s Medha servo drives private limited) of SALEM Division (4 Nos VZ. TPM, KAY & MTP).

Approximate Cost of the Work	2,07,60,892.94
Earnest Money Deposit	2,53,800.00
Cost of tender form including	NIL
Eligibility criteria for similar single work previously	Applicable
Period of Completion in months	06 Months
Tender closing date and time:	13.10.2023 at 15.00 Hrs.

NOTE: Details of approximate value of tender, tender form cost, EMD & location are given on the e-portal, **"www.ireps.gov.in**

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INBRIEF

Verstappen on pole with Piastri joining in front row

Formula One leader Max Verstappen blew away all doubts about Red Bull's enduring dominance on Saturday with a "mighty" pole lap in the Japanese GP in Suzuka ahead of McLaren's Oscar Piastri and Lando Norris. The 25-year-old Dutch driver had been fastest throughout all three practice sessions and saved the best for qualifying, with an effort of one minute, 28.877s.

The starting grid: Front row: Verstappen (Red Bull), Piastri (McLaren). **Second row:** Norris (McLaren), Leclerc (Ferrari). **Third row:** Perez (Red Bull), Sainz Jr. (Ferrari). **Fourth row:** Hamilton, Russell (Both Mercedes); **Fifth row:** Tsunoda (AlphaTauri), Alonso (Aston Martin).

MotoGP officials adjust race distance due to the heat

After Friday's practice sessions in Greater Noida, MotoGP riders were unanimous about the hot conditions. Following the feedback from the riders overnight, the race officials on Saturday morning decided to shorten the races across all categories by a few laps. In a statement, MotoGP said, "Now, after gaining a first full day of experience in the hot and humid conditions riders have asked for race distances to be adjusted."

Revised race distance: Tissot Sprint: 11 laps; **Moto3™:** 16 laps; **Moto2™:** 18 laps and **MotoGP™:** 21 laps.

Tamil Nadu men and women post wins

Tamil Nadu defeated Indian Railways 19-11 in a men's contest of the National 3x3 basketball championships in Chennai on Saturday.

Other results:
Men: Kerala bt UP 17-16; Punjab bt Maharashtra 21-10; MP bt Meghalaya 10-7; MP bt Haryana 14-9.
Women: TN bt UP 21-16; Delhi bt Bihar 21-6; Telangana bt Punjab 21-15; Kerala bt Assam 21-12.

Martin reigns in Sprint Race edging Bagnaia; Marquez third

Pole-sitter Bezzecchi hit by teammate Marini from behind while braking for the first corner; the former slumps to 18th spot while latter crashes out, breaking his collarbone; will miss today's race

MOTOGP

S. Dipak Ragav
GREATER NOIDA

Jorge Martin clinched the first Indian Grand Prix Sprint Race with a fine drive from second on the grid ahead of title-rival and championship leader Francesco Bagnaia at the Buddh International Circuit on Saturday.

The Pramac Racing rider nailed the start, taking the lead from pole-sitter Marco Bezzecchi (VR46 Racing) and sailed into the distance in the 11-lap race.

Six-time champion Marc Marquez took the third place in his Honda, only his second podium of the season after his Sprint podium in the first race of the season in Portugal.

Martin, who won the sprint and main race in the previous round in Misano at the San Marino Grand Prix, continued his good run as he cruised to victory and cut his deficit to Bagnaia by another three points.

He is now 33 behind the reigning champion and will look to further cut into the factory Ducati rider's lead in Sunday's race.

Ahead of the race, riders felt turn one as a corner where chaos could unfold at the start of the race. Just as they predicted, it happened when pole-sitter Bezzecchi was hit by his teammate Luca Marini from behind while braking for the first corner, forcing the former to slump from first to 18th.

Scorching the track: Pramac Racing's Martin nailed the start and raced away to victory. R.V. MOORTHY

Marini, who started fourth, crashed out, breaking his collarbone and will miss Sunday's race.

However, Bezzechhi produced a stunning recovery drive as he came through the pack like a hot knife through butter, slicing past rivals easily to finish fifth, including a last-lap pass on Fabio Quartararo.

KTM Factory Racing rider Brad Binder, starting from 13th, made a brilliant start, gaining eight places to finish fourth ahead of Bezzecchi.

Speaking about his drive, Bezzecchi said, "I was very strong in braking compared to the riders in front, so I was able to pass as much as I could."

However, the Italian was frustrated at being taken out at the start, saying, "If I am not safe in the first row, where do I start. It is three times I have been crashed into by someone else this season," he said.

Earlier, the day's schedule went for a toss when a torrential downpour hit the circuit just before qualifying for the Moto3 session, causing nearly an hour's delay.

With a damp track, MotoGP had another 15-minute practice session for riders to get used to driving on a new track in wet conditions.

Eventually, the track dried out before the start of the sprint race which commenced 90 minutes after the scheduled time.

The results (top-8 only get points):

1. Jorge Martin (Pramac Racing); 2. Francesco Bagnaia (Ducati)+1.389; 3. Marc Marquez (Honda Team) 2.405; 4. Brad Binder (KTM Factory Racing) 2.904; 5. Marco Bezzecchi (VR46 Racing) 3.266; 6. Fabio Quartararo (Yamaha Racing) 4.327; 7. Jack Miller (KTM Factory Racing) 7.172; 8. Maverick Vinales (Aprilia Racing) 8.798.

Sandeep on top in MRF Formula 2000

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Sandeep Kumar pulled off a close win in the premier MRF Formula 2000 race while Angad Matharoo scripted his fourth victory in a row in the MRF Saloon Cars category in the second round of the MRF-MMSC FMSCI National car racing championships on Saturday.

The results (provisional, 8 laps unless mentioned):
MRF Formula 2000: Race-1: 1. Sandeep Kumar (13:05.709); 2. Aditya Swaminathan (13:06.099); 3. Arya Singh (13:06.371).
MRF Formula 1600: Race-1: 1. Chetan Surineni (14:06.215); 2. Veer Sheth (14:27.811); 3. Suprej Venkat (14:18.045).
Indian Touring cars: Race-1: 1. Biren Pithawalla (Team N1, 15:37.456); 2. Ritesh Rai (15:47.528); 3. Gurunath Meiyappan (Race Concepts Motorsports, 16:06.453).
Race-2 (10 laps): 1. Meiyappan (19:08.657); 2. Ritesh Rai (19:11.533); 3. Biren Pithawalla (19:25.993).
Indian Junior Touring cars (Race-1): 1. Akkineni Anand Prasad (Team Performance Racing, 15:37.920); 2. Deepak Ravikumar (Team Performance Racing, 15:48.422); 3. Hatim Shabbir Jamnagarwala (Team Performance Racing, 15:48.718).
Race-2 (10 laps): 1. Akkineni Anand Prasad (19:59.734); 2. Hatim Shabbir Jamnagarwala (20:03.432); 3. Deepak Ravikumar (20:03.802).
Super Stock: Race-1: 1. T.S. Dilijith (DTS Racing, 17:03.487); 2. Manan Patel (Redline Racing India, 17:19.722); 3. Jarshan Anand (17:30.614). **Race-2 (10 laps):** 1. Diljith (21:01.697); 2. Jarshan Anand (+1 lap, 19:15.341); 3. Justin Singh (+1 lap, 19:18.644).
Formula LGB 1300: Race-1: 1. Viswas Vijayaraj (DTS Racing, 15:06.923); 2. Raghul Rangasamy (MSport, 15:13.271); 3. T.S. Diljith (DTS Racing) (15:14.166). **Race-2 (10 laps):** 1. Diljith (21:43.946); 2. Tijil Rao (Momentum Motorsports, 21:52.616); 3. Raghul Rangasamy (21:55.412).
MRF Saloons (Toyota Etios) Race-1: 1. Angad Matharoo (Redline Racing India, 16:41.199); 2. Zahan Commissariat (Redline Racing India, 16:47.367); 3. Diana Pundole (Redline Racing India, 16:52.014).

VR46's Bezzecchi in pole position

S. Dipak Ragav
GREATER NOIDA

Marco Bezzecchi stormed to pole position just 0.043 seconds ahead of Jorge Martin for the inaugural Indian Grand Prix MotoGP race here at the Buddh International Circuit on Saturday.

The Italian rider did a best time of 1:43:947, with Martin a few milliseconds behind after dominating the early part of the session. Championship leader Francesco Bagnaia rounded the front row in his factory Ducati bike, two-tenths behind the pole-sitter.

Bezzecchi had shown good form right from the start of the weekend as he topped Free Practice-1, while his VR46 teammate Luca Marini clinched the Practice session on Friday afternoon.

Domination: Bezzecchi did a best time of 1:43:947. R.V. MOORTHY

On Saturday, Marini qualified fourth, ensuring Ducati bikes sealed the top-four spots in qualifying. The surprise package was the two Repsol Honda riders who qualified fifth and sixth, with 2020 champion Joan Mir ahead of six-time champion Marc Marquez.

Johan Zarco (Pramac Racing) was seventh fastest ahead of Yamaha's Fabio Quartararo. The Aprilia riders of Maverick Vinales and Aleix Espargaro completed the top-10. Earlier in the first qualifying session (Q1), Gresini Racing's Alex Marquez in the customer Ducati and RNF MotoGP team's Raul Fernandez in the Aprilia bike were the two riders who qualified for Q2.

However, Alex, who had done enough to get into the top-two in that session, lost the rear tyre, which slid and suddenly gripped, throwing him over the bike.

The Spanish rider walked away in pain, and later tests revealed he had suffered three broken ribs, forcing him to miss the rest of the weekend.

Brad Binder in the KTM Factory Racing team was the big loser in qualifying as he set his fastest time under yellow flag conditions after Alex's crash and failed to qualify in the top-two in that session. With Marini and Alex Marquez out of the weekend, Sunday's race will see only 20 riders take the start.

Qualifying results (Q2): 1. Marco Bezzecchi (VR46 Racing) 1:43.947; 2. Jorge Martin (Pramac Racing) +0.043; 3. Francesco Bagnaia (Ducati) 0.256; 4. Luca Marini (VR46 Racing) 0.268; 5. Joan Mir (Honda) 0.507; 6. Marc Marquez (0.522); 7. Johan Zarco (Pramac Racing) 0.568; 8. Fabio Quartararo (Yamaha) 0.777; 9. Maverick Vinales (Aprilia) 0.794; 10. Aleix Espargaro (Aprilia) 0.803; 11. Raul Fernandez (RNF Team) 1.247; 12. Alex Marquez (Gresini Racing) no time.

Tiger Mountain may score an encore

HYDERABAD: The four-year-old filly Tiger Mountain, who won in a close finish in her last start, maintains her winning form and may score an encore in the Nawab Sultan Ali Khan Memorial Cup, the feature event of Sunday's (Sept. 24) races.

1 TWIN CITIES PLATE (Div. I) (1,100m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II) – 12.45 p.m.: 1. Agreement (3) B.R. Kumar 56, 2. Hoping Star (6) Mohit Singh 56, 3. Ragnarok (4) A.A. Vikrant 56, 4. Chivalry (2) R.S. Jodha 54.5, 5. Deccan Daisy (7) P. Sai Kumar 54.5, 6. Flashing Memories (9) Abhay Singh 54.5, 7. Moon Walk (8) Afroz Khan 54.5, 8. Nkalanzinzi (5) Kuldeep Singh (Sr) 54.5 and 9. Silver Act (1) B. Nikhil 54.5.

1. SILVER ACT, 2. DECCAN DAISY, 3. AGREEMENT

2 ROCK OF GIBRALTAR PLATE (1,400m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II) – 1.15: 1. Ashwa Gajraj (1) Vivek G 56, 2. Deccan Spirit (2) P. Sai Kumar 56, 3. Encore (5) A. Imran Khan 56, 4. Faiz (7) Afroz Khan 56, 5. Great Giver (6) P. Ajeeth Kumar 56, 6. Kief (3) Mohit Singh 54.5, 7. Mix The Magic (8) B. Nikhil 54.5 and 8. Young Diana (4) Suraj Narredu 54.5.

1. YOUNG DIANA, 2. ENCORE, 3. GREAT GIVER

3 S.N. REDDY MEMORIAL CUP (1,600m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II) – 1.45: 1. Caraxes (7) A. Imran Khan 56, 2. Lucky Nine (6) Uday Kiran 56, 3. Sacred Bond (10) Afroz Khan 56, 4. Stunning Art (3) Suraj Narredu 56, 5. Trishul (9) Surya Prakash 56, 6. Alcahol Free (5) A.M. Tograllu 54.5, 7. N R I Fairy (8) Vivek G 54.5, 8. Queen Empress (4) Abhay Singh 54.5, 9.Toffee (2) R.S. Jodha 54.5 and 10. Veneno (1) Mohit Singh 54.5.

1. TRISHUL, 2. STUNNING ART, 3. CARAXES

4 MAJOR GENERAL NAWAB KHUSRU JUNG BAHADUR MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 2.15: 1. Anab E Shahi (6) A. Imran Khan 60, 2. D Right Time (1) Vivek G 58.5, 3. Alpine Girl (2) Mohit Singh 57, 4. Royal Pal (7) Md. Ekram Alam 56, 5. Wandring Warrior (3) Kuldeep Singh 56, 6. Soorya Vahan (8) B. Nikhil 55.5, 7. Sweet Whisper (9) R.S. Jodha 55, 8. Park Lane (5) Md. Ismail 51.5 and 9. Urgent (4) Abhay Singh 51.

1. ANAB E SHAHI, 2. D RIGHT TIME, 3. URGENT

5 RAJA SAHEB OF CHALLAPALLI MEMORIAL CUP (1,200m), 4-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 2.45: 1. Blissful (1) R.S. Jodha 60, 2. Avancia (10) Suraj Narredu 59.5, 3. Stoic Hero (8) P. Ajeeth Kumar 54.5, 4. Ivanhoe (2) Surya Prakash 54, 5. Malibu (4) B.R. Kumar 53, 6. N R I Fantasy (5) Vivek G 52.5, 7. Wind Sprite (9) Afroz Khan 52.5, 8. Classy Dame (3) Abhay Singh 51.5, 9. Dyanoosh (11) P. Sai Kumar 51, 10. Pinatubo (7) G. Naresh 51 and 11. Milton Keynes (6) Md. Ekram Alam 50.5.

1. N R I FANTASY, 2. WIND SPRITE, 3. AVANCIA

6 JATPROLE CUP (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 3.15: 1. D Minchu (5) Vivek G 60, 2. Delhi Heights (2) B. Nikhil 59, 3. Divine Connection (8) Md. Ekram Alam 57.5, 4. Black Opal (3) A.A. Vikrant 55, 5. Golden Inzio (6) Kuldeep Singh (Sr) 54.5, 6. My Master (4) R.S. Jodha 54.5, 7. Inderdhanush (7) Shivansh 54 and 8. Oskars Glory (1) Surya Prakash 54.

1. D MINCHU, 2. INDERDHANUSH, 3. DELHI HEIGHTS

7 NAWAB SULTAN ALI KHAN MEMORIAL CUP (2,000m) (Terms), 3-y-o and upward, rated 50 and above (Cat. II) – 3.45: 1. N R I Superpower (1) Abhay Singh 58.5, 2. Nightmare (5) Ajay Kumar 56.5, 3. Tiger Mountain (6) A. Imran Khan 56.5, 4. Karanveer (2) P. Sai Kumar 55, 5. Painted Apache (4) P. Ajeeth Kumar 55 and 6. Path Of Peace (3) Surya Prakash 52.

1. TIGER MOUNTAIN, 2. PAINTED APACHE, 3. NIGHTMARE

8 P.V.G. RAJU MEMORIAL CUP (1,600m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 4.15: 1. Only My Way (3) Afroz Khan 60, 2. N R I Ultrapower (5) Abhay Singh 58, 3. Detective (7) Suraj Narredu 57.5, 4. Star Medal (4) Md. Ekram Alam 56.5, 5. Acrobat (2) Kuldeep Singh (Jr) 55.5, 6. Dream Station (1) B. Nikhil 55 and 7. Hero Of The East (6) Shivansh 55.

1. DETECTIVE, 2. N R I ULTRAPOWER, 3. ACROBAT

9 TWIN CITIES PLATE (Div. II) (1,100m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only – 4.45: 1. Flying Hooves (8) Santosh Raj 56, 2. Maverick (7) A. Imran Khan 56, 3. Zidane (5) G. Naresh 56, 4. Dali's Champion (9) P. Sai Kumar 54.5, 5. Duck Hawk (6) Md. Ismail 54.5, 6. Eminency (1) Surya Prakash 54.5, 7. Magic Princess (3) A.M. Tograllu 54.5, 8. Ruby Red (4) Suraj Narredu 54.5 and 9. Setastar (2) Kuldeep Singh (Sr) 54.5.

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